

**PUBLIC WORKS
AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

of the

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 2:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Jay Schneiderman - Chairman
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Wayne Horsley
Legislator Tom Muratore
Legislator Tom Barraga

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Legislator Kara Hahn - Legislative District No. 5
Legislator Robert Calarco - Legislative District No. 7
George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Gil Anderson - Commissioner - DPW
Bill Hillman - Chief Engineer - DPW
Robert Doering - Budget Review Office
Catherine Stark - Aide to Chairman Schneiderman
Paul Perillie - Aide to Legislator Gregory
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk - Suffolk County Legislature
Ben Zwirn - County Executive's Office
Patricia Lenehan - Transportation Advisory
Dot Kerrigan - AME
Dan Sofia
Joshua Tomel
All Other Interested Parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Kim Castiglione - Legislative Secretary

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:10 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Good afternoon. I'd like to call this meeting to order, this meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee on this sixth day of March, 2012. If you all will rise and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Stern.

SALUTATION

Maybe we will do a quick moment of silence while we are still standing. You know, one of things certainly that's been in the news is the devastating tornados in the midwest and there's been a number of American lives lost, so if we could pause for our prayers for those individuals and their families, as well as for all those abroad fighting to defend America's freedom. Keep them in our hearts and prayers. Thank you.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Thank you. Commissioner Anderson, if you'll come forward. Actually I have a card. Three cards, can you wait? All right. The first yellow card I have is Pat Lenehan. Pat, if you'll come forward. Anybody who wants to be heard by the committee needs to fill out a yellow card and you have three minutes to make your comments known. If you haven't already filled out a yellow card you can obtain them through the Clerk at the front table.

MS. LENEHAN:

Hello, everybody. I'm really here to ask you questions. As far as things got back to me that this decision to raise the fare increase was made already before the hearings? Is that true?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I guess it's a matter of interpretation. We did pass a budget last year that called for a million dollars in new revenue from ticket sales. It didn't specifically say what they were, but a million dollars is booked in this year's budget. If we don't do it through what was proposed we'd have to come up with another way to do it. We passed an authorization for the Public Works Commissioner to schedule hearings, and now has the ability to raise those fares, raise those rates without coming back to this body. There's no secondary level of approval. So if Mr. Anderson, after hearing the public comment, sees fit to raise those rates, he has the authority to do so.

MS. LENEHAN:

Now, when was that done? Do you remember?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It was actually two steps. One was the passing of the budget, and the two was a resolution to hold the public hearing on increasing those fares.

MS. LENEHAN:

Okay, because in the papers that I'm handing out are the stuff that I wanted to talk about in Hauppauge last week, but I didn't feel it was my place because there were so many people talking about how the system isn't working and they were airing their complaints.

You know where I stand with this as far as Sunday service. The bottom line is why should we be -- I understand your problem with the budget, I really do. My heart goes out for everybody. But how can we actually force people to pay more money when we are not getting the service we deserve. Yes, there has been a change; I discussed that at the last meeting. What I need to know from you, because I'm going to be going out with a newsletter, and I gave you all a copy of it,

when -- on that newsletter it says how much everybody is making, okay, in every district. I will be informing everybody from Amityville out to Greenport just what you are doing for us, what you have done for us, because I can get that information on the website as well. So you have a copy of what -- a sample of what will be going out.

What I need to know is who was the gentleman that was sitting with you, because I don't have his name.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Gary Lenehan.

MS. LENEHAN:

Gary what?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Lenehan.

MS. LENEHAN:

I'm Lenehan.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm sorry. Gary Lenberger.

MS. LENEHAN:

Lenberger, okay.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's been a long day for me. No breaks yet, straight committees since ten.

MS. LENEHAN:

Okay. What I want to do, though, if I want to make a request for anything to be passed, how do I do that? Just let you know?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

You can let the committee know here, that's fine. You can certainly send me an e-mail or letter.

MS. LENEHAN:

Okay. We got the guy's name. I want to request that a copy of the transcripts from the hearing on February 29th and March 1st is going to get to me. How do I do that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'll forward that request to the Department of Public Works and that shouldn't be a problem. I don't know how long it will take to prepare that transcript, but there certainly was a stenographer there and there will be a transcript. It's a public record and I have no issue. There might be -- Commissioner, do they have to do a FOIL request to do that or is there a 25 cent per page fee? Do you know?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Send the request to me and I'll get you the information.

MS. LENEHAN:

I appreciate that. Okay. Now, what I got a little confused of, okay, how much does the County subsidize the bus company per passenger? I believe you said \$7 per passenger?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

No, I said what I believe the actual cost for Suffolk Transit, not for SCAT, for Suffolk Transit, is around \$7 a ride. If \$2 is the fare, then that would be a \$5 subsidy.

MS. LENEHAN:

Okay. So then that's per ride. So if I take it twice, once to get there and once to get back, you're giving them \$14 for me to ride the bus.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Or ten.

MS. LENEHAN:

Subtract that money from it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's an average cost. My numbers may be wrong, but that's my recollection.

MS. LENEHAN:

Is that accurate? Because I have to put this in the newsletter.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Pat, I'm sorry. But the back and forth we really shouldn't do, so I should give you --

MS. LENEHAN:

No, I know. I understand that. Okay. We request a form to be put into place at all the hub stations prior to any votes that involves decisions concerning the public so everyone gets a chance to speak, set up at a different time of the day and to cover all working passengers. They have a right to voice what goes on with these types of salaries everybody is getting.

I also request that a quarterly meeting at these hub stations be done to find out from the public how the service is treating them. Okay. I'm also requesting a mandatory presence of all owners of the buses, of the companies that we are paying, to be at the meetings. It was sad that only one bus company actually showed up. If they don't want to be here and hear what's going on, they shouldn't be working for you. I'm sorry for the tone. Excuse me. Okay.

Now, what are we going to get for this fare increase, are we going to have Sunday service started?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

If you can just finish your three minutes.

MS. LENEHAN:

Okay. All right. That would be one question. How long will it take before we get Sunday service, and will there be a fare increase when you give us the Sunday service as you did to Greenport. You gave Greenport the fare increase to \$2, you took it away from them, and now you want to give them another 25 cents increase to give it back to them, which is totally out of call. You know, they're already paying the \$2. To stick them with 25 cents more, are you going to do that to us as well if we get Sunday service? That I need to know. Okay.

At the hearing a man brought up the plight of the veterans and I am very impressed as to how you want to handle that. To give the veterans free access to transportation would be a blessing that the County could actually use to qualify this increase. You did say that, didn't you, Jay?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I did not say free access.

MS. LENEHAN:

Because I was walking in and out. People wanted to talk to me.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I think the exchange, and Legislator Muratore was there as well, was possibly to look at a reduced rate for veterans. We have a reduced rate for seniors, we have a reduced rate for students.

MS. LENEHAN:

I thought you mentioned something about free as well, but we'll check the minutes because I was impressed with that, and I don't impress easily.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I'm sorry if you misunderstood that, but I did not say free.

MS. LENEHAN:

Okay. Well, they're veterans. Okay. And if -- would you be able to get that off the ground by the increase? You don't know? All right. Was the vote taken for the increase and how do I get to know who voted for -- to pass this.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

You are going to have to finish your comments and I'll do my best to answer some of the questions.

MS. LENEHAN:

That's it. That's what I want to know.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

In terms of who voted for the budget or to hold hearings, public hearings, we could get you that vote if you're interested. In terms of voting on a discounted fare for veterans, there's no bill yet. If there's a bill there will be a vote, and we'll have to figure out how we have to pay for that.

MS. LENEHAN:

Okay. Yeah, I realize that. I'm learning; I'm getting better. Okay. You have a copy of the newsletter that's going out. I'll put it out as soon as I hear from the minutes as to what's going on, and it will be with voter registration forms. Okay. Thank you for your time.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

All right. Our next speaker is -- looks like Joshua Tomel.

MR. TOMEL:

Hello. My comments kind of echo Pat's in a way. What I have come with are three things. One, why weren't the meetings ever scheduled on a weekend when people who were working could have come to the public meetings that took place on the 29th and the first -- February 29th and the first of March of last week. I'm kind of interested in why that was not taken into consideration. You want to address that first and then I'll --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I can't answer questions. You are just going to have to make your comments and then maybe at the end I'll say a word or two.

MR. TOMEL:

Okay. I'm also making comments to the fact that there are a number of missing signs for the buses that are interesting along Commack Road, along Jericho Turnpike, that they were completely -- the signs are missing. There's just a post with a schedule on it on a couple of places. I mean, there's absolutely nothing there in other places.

The third thing was thankfully for this nice, mild winter we've been having, we've noticed that we haven't had the need for sand and salt trucks, and I'm wondering if that financially can impact the way you deal with your Department of Public Works' budget, in which case you can offset any proposed financial -- fare increases or whatnot in that regard. That's everything I got.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Let me offer two quick comments. One, in terms of whether there is money available because we haven't had to plow as much, we aren't done with the year. Our fiscal year goes to January or through the end of December, and we don't know what the winter ahead is like. And if we do have money available we've got a \$100 million plus hole to fill already to get through this year. So it's unlikely that that money could be used to expand services in terms of transportation services.

I do want to say really in regards to Pat's comments in terms of not getting anything for the increased fare. This fare has been in place for 19 years. If it just kept pace with inflation it would be a higher rate than the \$2 that's proposed. We have added more routes, significantly more routes in the last 19 years than existed, and we've got a brand new fleet of buses. We have done many improvements to the system and we're continuing to do improvements to the system.

But I do appreciate both of your advocacy for additional services, for Sunday services, for later services. And as far as when the hearings were held, that really was at the discretion of the Department of Public Works. Okay? Thank you.

Okay. Thank you. We have one more speaker. Danny Sofia.

MR. SOFIA:

I just wanted to notify you guys I have over a thousand signatures, if you would like me to submit them, okay, for Sunday service. And I also have -- I've received from not Suffolk -- actually it is Suffolk Bus, when they are not responding to these two complaints in particular. If you want, I can submit that to you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

That would be great, Dan. You can submit both those things. I think my office is aware of the complaints you have with Suffolk Bus, and we have forwarded it or are in the process of forwarding it to Suffolk Bus. So we're taking care of that because we do have your e-mail.

The petition, and I have to say, it's extraordinary work on your part to have gathered over a thousand signatures. I believe the petition is not only for Sunday bus but expanded evening hours as well, and I know that could not be easy really for anybody to be able to collect a thousand signatures, and particularly for somebody with physical challenges. It's really an extraordinary statement. So, congratulations. If you want to hand those in we'd be happy to receive them.

I think it's important for everyone to note that when we expand services, whether it is evening hours or Sunday service, wherever we provide a fixed route public transportation the Americans with Disabilities Act requires that anyone who lives within three-quarters of a mile of that fixed route is eligible for assisted transportation services. So, if you qualify, if you have a disability that qualifies you then, you know, the County provides that. So right now on Sunday our SCAT service doesn't run because our buses don't run, and that leaves those individuals who depend on SCAT service

without a way to get around.

Dan, was there anything else you wanted to add?

MR. SOFIA:

It just -- it's usually the quality of drivers I find to be absurd -- could I give one example and then I will be quiet?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Fair enough.

MR. SOFIA:

Last week, I had a driver, I was coming back from Stony Brook Hospital, and this particular driver expected me to pull on the other side of Stony Brook Hospital parking lot in front of traffic. What kind of absurd training is this?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Is this one of the things you sent me in the e-mail about?

MR. SOFIA:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. And Commissioner Anderson is here as well. I'm going to forward your comments, your complaint, to Suffolk Bus. I hopefully will get a fast response from them and we'll be able to get back to you on that.

MR. SOFIA:

It's like they should have a better organized procedure. Also, they have -- it's not just that. It's like the comments from the drivers are ridiculous.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Again, Danny, you can always talk to me directly on any of these things and we can follow-up. I'll do my best as your advocate to make sure that, you know, your concerns get fully heard and if they can be addressed we'll do our best to fix it. Thank you. And, again, great job on petition gathering. That's very impressive.

I'll also note that my office is working on setting up a meeting with the County Executive with transportation advocates so --

MR. SOFIA:

Do we know when that might be or --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We don't have a date yet, but we are working on it. Okay?

MR. SOFIA:

All right.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Was there anyone else who wished to be heard who has not filled out a yellow card? All right. We are going to move to the agenda.

Introductory Resolutions

IR 1067, Amend deadline for the Long Wharf Advisory Committee. (Schneiderman)

This just adds some time so that the committee, which is actually almost finished, can file its report. It was at six months or a year -- six months I think. It extends the deadline until December, 2012. We probably won't need that much time, but we do need a little more time. This is mine, so I'll make a motion to approve. Is there a second? Second by Legislator Muratore. Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

Jay, we're taking a look at what the maintenance cost is to us, and they're also doing some kind of analysis on what type of revenue we might be able to provide if we were to do certain things there?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Yes. We are looking at potential revenue, of course in conjunction with the Village and what the Village would accept. You know, we don't -- we want to be a friend to the Village, we don't want to ruin the quality of life in the Village.

LEG. STERN:

As they go through the process are they coming back and they're saying, "Well, if you developed a hotel here this could be the revenue or if you left it as parking with metered lots." Are they coming up with what options would be or is it more general than that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Mr. Zwirn has served on this committee, as well members of DPW, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, the Mayor's Office. We have quite a group and we've looked at various revenue options. Remember, this is a roadway so you are not building a hotel on it. The reality is the County spends roughly \$100,000 a year on average in maintenance costs. The Village spends another \$100,000, roughly, a year, and litter pick up and police services and sweeping and insurance and all kinds of other things. There is some revenue but it doesn't even cover the Village's cost. So we have a bit of a problem. We did have a drowning last year off this Long Wharf and we have to really just assess whether this is something that makes sense, and that's what the committee has been looking at. Ben, did you want to comment?

MR. ZWIRN:

I think at some point maybe any of the Legislators who'd like to come out and get a sense of the facility. Metered parking, it's an economic -- a huge help for the Village of Sag Harbor. If you look at the Villages on the East End, East Hampton -- what?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

They have parking.

MR. ZWIRN:

That parking really is key to the Village's vitality, and if you take away that parking or you meter that parking you will change not only the culture, but I think you'll change the actual Village of Sag Harbor dramatically. It is one of the few Villages where you see a lot of economic activity going on. The Bulova project is underway. They are renovating the library, some of the buildings in town, the Apple Bank building is under renovation. So there is -- if you looked at Sag Harbor itself you'd say maybe we're not in the economic recession that we all think. But that parking lot, the Long Wharf is really essential to the Village. The Village maintains it with police protection, they pick up the garage on there. They maintain it on a regular basis. And they maintain it. And I think if you saw it you would understand.

I don't want to, you know, prejudge what the committee will think, but I think at some point when we think of all the efforts we make in the County to promote downtown revitalization, here you have something that the County has, an asset that is contributing to the sales tax revenue generated in the County and the vitality of a Village.

For example, if you go to the Village of East Hampton, which is very, you know, everybody thinks East Hampton is like the Hollywood east, in the wintertime the stores -- I would say half the stores are closed because they're owned by chains that don't have the business in the wintertime so they are not there. You drive through there and you say this could be a, you know, a vital downtown area. You go to Sag Harbor, you've got a Five and Ten Cent store. The Five and Ten Cent store still exists in Sag Harbor. You can make copies in that store for ten cents a copy. You have a hardware store and a supermarket on Main Street. You have homes, people who live above the stores. It is really a model of what, you know, Patchogue is trying to do by bringing housing and people, and you have parking for, you know, people to come in and have a commercial vitality. They also have a sewer district, a commercial sewer district, which is invaluable to Sag Harbor. I mean, no question, because you can have restaurants, you can have wet uses where you can't have -- in East Hampton you can't open a delicatessen today because there's no -- there are no sewers. So they have that -- to get it in there today.

So this Long Wharf -- I mean, the Chamber of Commerce has their offices in an old windmill that they build right at the foot of the Long Wharf. Here's where they have the Wounded Warrior project in the summertime when they have all of the bicyclists and all the people who come in to support our veterans who have been wounded. The place is filled. I mean, it is a focal point for that community. I think Legislator Schneiderman is going to invite Mayor Gilbride, who is a terrific Mayor out there. It's something you have to see. I mean, I think people think of it as the Hamptons and maybe it's a way that the County can generate revenue. I think the Village, even though they don't have the resources to take it over, I think the Mayor would be willing to do that in order to keep some control over this so it doesn't get sold or auctioned or closed off. It would be that --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Initially they were hoping that we would fix the bulkheading and then transfer it. That's a problem in a number of ways. One is, you know, we'd have to incur the cost, which is probably between four and \$600,000, and two, there is a problem with transferring it after you do the bond, unless you defease the bonds. So it would make sense to transfer it first. The Village was reluctant initially last year to take it without us giving them the money to fix it. Now they have reached the conclusion that seeing the County in so much fiscal trouble that they're concerned that the County isn't going to properly maintain it anymore. Originally this was actually the Village's property and the County was run by a Board of Supervisors, half of which were from the East End, and it made sense, it was a much larger entity that managing a bulkheaded wharf of this size could be done through the County.

But today the situation is changed and the County isn't in a great position to maintain the structure in the heart of Sag Harbor Village, and the Village reluctantly are saying, "Okay, we get it and we'll take it on." So they're going to have to budget \$100,000 in next year's budget so that they can take on this maintenance. They're telling me they're willing to do it. I was reluctant even last year to transfer it before studying it, but after sitting on these committee meetings I'm of the opinion now that it does make sense for the County to escape the liability and to escape the maintenance costs. I think everybody on the committee basically has come to that conclusion.

MR. ZWIRN:

The only revenue they generate off the Long Wharf is really with some of the boats that tie up there in the summertime. And if you tied up these big boats that come in and you put them around the

entire facility to maximize the revenue, you would completely block any of the vistas that you have over the harbor, which are one of the reasons why people -- it's one of the few Villages that it's actually on the water. So it attracts, you know, people in the summertime to come out there to eat in the restaurants and to bring their boats in, and a lot of people come in by boat because, again, you have a supermarket right on Main Street, you have a movie theater on Main Street. I mean, it's really the model of what you'd want to have in a Village. And as I say, if you go out there this time of year the stores are open, the restaurants are open, the movies theater is open. I mean, it is a real active -- not a tourist attraction, it is a real Village.

LEG. STERN:

So when we say taking a look at what type of revenue the County might be able to realize if we were to maintain ownership of the Wharf going forward, from what I'm hearing, the discussion really is limited to parking and docking. Isn't that true? It doesn't sound like there's really other -- many options that we could look at in terms of revenue enhancement. It's really a docking and a parking issue, is that correct? Am I hearing you right?

MR. ZWIRN:

That's it. So there's not a lot of revenue generated, so to have a revenue sharing agreement with the Village, I don't know if there's enough money there that it would be worthwhile.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

You know, the Mayor said, well, if you're going to take it over, take it over, but then we have to put somebody out there to collect those fees and then we'd have to take our the Village's expenses too, which are roughly \$100,000, so I think we'd end up actually worse at the end of the day.

Again, this is just to extend the deadline so we can finish the report. Then, you know, I'll bring back a resolution or the County Executive will bring a resolution forward to sell the Wharf for a dollar or give the Wharf to the Village of Sag Harbor.

LEG. STERN:

And the Chairman has been quarterbacking this whole issue, you continue to be involved in all of these discussions. This is an extension that would go through the end of the year, but I would hope, and I'll support it, but I would hope that we are able to come to some kind of a decision on how best to proceed much sooner than that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We're writing the report. I believe it's going to be done by the end of this month. The committee will meet one more time to discuss the draft report, and then I will bring it forward to the Legislature. I think this can be done by June. There was a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved. **(Vote: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1071, Reappointing member to the Suffolk County Traffic Safety Board (William A. DeVore). (Pres. Off.)

LEG. MURATORE:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion by Legislator Muratore, second by Legislator Horsley. Any discussion? This is a reappointment so the person doesn't need to come forward. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved. **(Vote: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1107, Authorizing illumination of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building for Pancreatic Cancer Awareness. (Kennedy)

I'll make a motion.

LEG. MURATORE:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I got lots of seconds. Second by Legislator Muratore.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

On the motion, Legislator Barraga.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Is the H. Lee Dennison Building normally illuminated every night?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No. Usually these are specific colors that we're asked to illuminate it with. The equipment is down there. The choices are limited as far as colors, but --

LEG. BARRAGA:

So you illuminate the entire frontal portion of the north side of the building?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Any idea of what the cost is for the electric for the week?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, not off the top of my head, no. I can find out. I'll see if I can separate that.

LEG. BARRAGA:

I mean, I understand the intent, but, I mean, people going by and seeing a purple glow or a pink glow, do you really think they have any idea of what that means?

MR. ZWIRN:

You'd have to ask Legislator Kennedy, it's his legislation. We've done it in the past for breast cancer, I think there are a whole bunch of them here that Legislator Kennedy has filed. I know that I can tell you that the lights go off inside the Dennison Building automatically.

LEG. BARRAGA:

But this is for the outside, the north side.

MR. ZWIRN:

This is for the outside.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Because, you know, with things being what it is, I know it's petty, but, you know, if you can save a

few bucks here and there, I don't know why we're doing this.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I want to say, and I'll verify it, that it does shut down at like one a.m., because I know we've had issues with that before. So it doesn't run all night, actually at some point it does shut down. I'll verify that.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This one's for a week in November. If you want to table it to get that information I have no problem. We have plenty of time. Do you want to make a motion to table?

LEG. BARRAGA:

No.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I'll get the information.

MR. ZWIRN:

We will find out.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We'll find it out before we vote on the floor. Fair enough? All right. Was there already a motion to approve? There's a motion to approve and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved. *(Vote: 4-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Barraga)*

You know, it would help before we do the final vote on the floor to have that information. You know, if it's just a question of changing a bulb that's already illuminating the building with another bulb there might not be any cost at all.

LEG. BARRAGA:

The building is not illuminated.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Well, maybe there's a way to do this. There's no illumination on the outside of the building whatsoever?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I don't recall whether or not it's there. I don't believe it is. I think that's the reason we do it. We then add a color to the lighting. The lighting is in place. It's just a matter of coloring that -- filtering that light.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

All right. Well, maybe you can get us that information.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I'll get you that information.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We'll leave a light on for you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

My guys do it.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

All right. *IR 1119, Requiring the County to consider the Planning Commission's Green Methodologies Guidelines in relation to County parking lots. (Hahn)*

We have the sponsor here. So illuminate us. Sorry. Enlighten us.

LEG. HAHN:

This bill just asks the Department of Public Works to consider green methodologies when paving new parking lots or repaving our existing parking lots. Things like permeable surfaces and swales and rain drains. And just take a look, there's funding at the State level made available for these kinds of activities. Take a look, see if they're reasonable in the place that they're doing the work, and maybe we can get a little State funding for doing it, and maybe we can do it in a greener way than we have in the past.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Commissioner, have you had a chance to look at this bill? Do you have any problem with considering those factors?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No. The bill just asks us to consider, you know, these types of methodologies and we're fine with that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's not going to be an additional burden? Well, a little bit, but not --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We do - I mean, honestly we do that automatically anyway. A lot of these green methodologies are things that are used in stormwater treatment, so.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Horsley.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Yeah, just quickly. You know, I fear that it's a more costly procedure at least, but I looked at -- the Lindenhurst Library did this, and it is truly an amazing -- it captures the water and all sorts of things like that. It's really, it is special, but it is more money, you got to deal with it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I mean, certainly if the, you know, these efforts are within the parameters of the geometrics as well as the funding, you know, it's something that we would consider. But it is somebody that we've been looking at for some time because of wastewater -- sorry -- stormwater treatment and, you know, the Phase II requirements that we have to meet.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Next time you're down my way take a look at the Lindenhurst parking lot. It's really an interesting --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

At the library.

LEG. HORSLEY:

The library, yeah.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I'll do that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I don't think we have a motion or a second on this. Legislator Horsley, do you want to make a motion?

LEG. HORSLEY:

Sure, I'll make a motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

And a second?

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Let the record reflect Legislator Barraga in opposition and everybody else in favor. Approved.

(Vote: 4-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Barraga)

IR 1125, To approve the relocation of Patchogue's Carnegie Library. (Calarco)

MR. NOLAN:

Can I just put on the record that the resolution was amended and now is to study the feasibility of relocating a library to the Sixth District Court property.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Rob, you're here. Legislator Calarco, do you want to give us some more detail?

LEG. CALARCO:

Sure, I'd be happy to. Thanks for having me. The Carnegie Library was one of many libraries built by Andrew Carnegie at the turn of the 19th Century. Patchogue's library was actually built in 1908, and it's one of only two left on Long Island. As Ben had mentioned earlier, Patchogue is kind of undergoing a revitalization and quite a bit of development taking place in our town. This library building, which is currently vacant, sits in the middle of a big project that's coming into Patchogue's downtown area. So there is a requirement or a need to move the library. There's a -- quite a strong feel in the Village, and Patchogue Village has made a commitment to maintaining this building and getting it back into the public use that used to be the Patchogue/Medford Library, that had spent a period of time as Briarcliffe College. So what we are looking to do is try to help them facilitate that.

There's funding available to the developer to actually pick the building up, move it, put it on a foundation stub and the utilities. They just don't have a place to put it. So we're looking to work with them to facilitate placement of that building on County's Sixth District Court property, which is

right in heart of downtown Patchogue. We've met with the court officials and DPW already preliminary, and it looks like it's something that is a very viable option here. Patchogue Village would remain the owner of the building and responsible for its maintenance, upkeep, liability issues, all of those things, and hopefully we can throw in having them start maintaining our {Colt} House property for us as well.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This would be a ground lease or it would be a --

LEG. CALARCO:

There would have to be a lease arrangement in order to lease the property itself to the Village for that purpose.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

So your bill is just basically just to explore it?

LEG. CALARCO:

That's all it does.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Commissioner, any issues?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

No, none at all. We've had ongoing discussions between ourselves and with the courts as well.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. And that was a fair representation of the DPW's position? There's room there for this building?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

As long as we can -- and it seems as though we have the parking to provide the courts with what they need, because some of that space will take away from the parking lot, but Tritec, the developer, has provided information and, you know, it's an ongoing discussion. We are fine with that.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Horsley.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Yeah, Rob, once the building is moved I'm assuming that the footing and things like that would be the responsibility of the developer, right?

LEG. CALARCO:

Yes. The developer, Tritec, is responsible for actually moving the building, putting it on two-way foundation stubbing and utilities. And then the building would become the responsibility, they would then transfer ownership to the Village. They actually maintain ownership now. There is a million dollar State grant that was secured a few years back that is a reimbursement to the developer for those costs specifically for that purpose.

LEG. HORSLEY:

That sounds great. Let me ask you then what is the building going to be used, once it's moved, for?

LEG. CALARCO:

There's ongoing conversation right now. There's the potentiality that the Patchogue-Medford Library will go back into the building. They have a need for their young adult section so there's a possibility they will take it on. We also have a number of different not-for-profits operating in the Village, the Patchogue Historical Society, the Plaza MAC, which is a cinema arts organization that's pretty active. So there is quite a few different not-for-profit very interested. They will be looking to put together a business plan. There's going to be some renovation cost associated with the building once they move it. Those are going to be borne by the Village of Patchogue. And like I said, ultimately it's going to be their responsibility to find and use that to keep the lights on.

LEG. HORSLEY:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Did we do a motion? No, I don't think we did. So I will make a motion, second by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved as amended. **(Vote: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1148, Authorizing illumination of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building for Parkinson's Awareness Month. (Kennedy)

I will make a motion to approve.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second by Legislator Stern. Again, Commissioner, it's the same issue so if you can just have a cost associated with doing this. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Legislator Barraga in opposition, everyone else in favor. IR 1148 is passed -- approved. **(Vote: 4-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Barraga)**

IR 1149, Authorizing illumination of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building for Estee Lauder's Breast Cancer Awareness Program. (Kennedy)

Same motion, same second, same vote. Same opposition? Okay. **(Vote: 4-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Barraga)**

IR 1150, Authorizing illumination of the H. Lee Dennison Executive Office Building for Judy's Run for Stroke Awareness. (Kennedy)

Same motion, same second, same vote. Same opposition, right, Legislator Barraga? Okay. **(Vote: 4-1-0-0 Opposed: Legislator Barraga)**

IR 1153, Approving ferry freight license for Roncalli Freight Company Inc., d/b/a Coastline Freight. (Pres. Off.)

IR 1153 needs a public hearing so we are going to have to table it. I'll make a motion to table, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? 1153 is tabled. **(Vote:**

5-0-0-0)

MR. ZWIRN:

Mr. Chairman. Mr. Nolan, is this one of the ones -- we would ask for a Certificate of Necessity for this?

MR. NOLAN:

Yes, we're going to need a CN.

MR. ZWIRN:

Okay. So you are going to have to have the hearing and do everything in a single day because they have a time constraint so they don't lose their -- it's not about a fee increase, it's about their license, so we --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Their license itself.

MR. ZWIRN:

Right. So we will provide a Certificate of Necessity.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We want to keep them operating.

MR. ZWIRN:

Yes. So we will provide a CN at the General Meeting.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

That's fine.

IR 1155, Amending prior capital authorized appropriations for the Partial Renovation of the Peconic Building (CP 2181). (Co. Exec.)

I'll make a motion, second by Legislator Muratore. Gil, is there anything you want to add on this one?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is actually a Community College project. We have no jurisdiction over this.

MR. ZWIRN:

But for the record, Mr. Chairman --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

It's just moving money within the project. I think there was some furniture --

MR. ZWIRN:

It's \$260,000 they're taking out of the furniture portion of it and putting it into construction.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Right. There were some cost overruns in the construction and they're reducing their furniture to cover it rather than additional bonding as I understand it.

MR. ZWIRN:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

All right. So there was a motion and a second. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Approved. **(Vote: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1178, Maintaining Railroad Avenue's access to County Road 80 (Montauk Highway), East Moriches. (Schneiderman)

I'm going to **withdraw** this resolution. What this resolution did was -- would have prevented a work permit being issued yet, and it's already been issued, so it's too late. I will withdraw 1178.

That brings us to the end of our agenda. Is there anything else? All right, we are adjourned.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:50 P.M.*)

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