

Meeting of the Town Board, Town of Yorktown held on July 11, 2017 at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York 10598.

Present: Michael J. Grace, Supervisor
Vishnu V. Patel, Councilman
Gregory M. Bernard, Councilman
Thomas P. Diana, Councilman
Edward Lachterman, Councilman

Also Present: Maura Weissleder, Deputy Town Clerk
Michael McDermott, Town Attorney

TOWN BOARD MEETING

Supervisor Michael Grace called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon motion made by Supervisor Grace, seconded by Councilman Lachterman, the Town Board moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues of particular individuals. Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Patel, the Town Board moved out of Executive Session and proceeded with the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Supervisor Grace led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was observed in honor of our men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A WETLAND/STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN/TREE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR GRANITE KNOLLS SPORTS AND RECREATION COMPLEX – TOWN OF YORKTOWN

Supervisor Grace convened a public hearing to consider the Wetland/Stormwater Pollution Prevention/Tree Permit Application by the Town of Yorktown at property located at Granite Knolls, Stony Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, also known as Section 26.09, Block 1, Lot 22 on the Tax Map of the Town of Yorktown. The Town of Yorktown proposes to construct a recreational complex consisting of two full-size, multi-purpose fields, a baseball field with press box and bleachers, a putting green, basketball courts, snack bar, restrooms, parking facilities and associated utilities on the westerly side of Stony Street on approximately a fifteen-acre section of Town-owned land known as Granite Knolls. Affidavits of Posting and Publication were presented by the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Grace gave background information on the Granite Knolls Sports and Recreation Complex and its current status. It is located by the old Phoenix House property on Stony Street. It was purchased by the Town in 2010 for passive and active recreational purposes. There are two Enbridge (Spectra's parent company) gas transmission pipes located on the property. One was recently replaced and the company will continue to replace the other. Part of the property is currently being used by the Yorktown Athletic Club for football practice. Supervisor Grace showed the proposed fields, access road and parking area. The property's evolution included cleared farmland and in 1960 it was run by the Loyola Jesuits; there are some existing remnants from that time period. A couple of years ago Spectra began to replace the pipeline running through Yorktown. Neither the Town nor the County have jurisdiction over this project; the approving authority is the U.S. Department of Transportation and the federal regulatory Energy Commission. In order to try to make this project more agreeable to the Town, it was suggested that Spectra use this site for its staging area. The deal was for Spectra to re-grade the property, use it, and when it was reclaimed by the Town, Spectra would put in the sports facility. This required alienation of the property on the Town's part. Unfortunately, this deal did not work out and was voted down.

Another phase of the pipeline project is to replace two pipes that have been in use for 60 years. These pipes transect Legacy Fields under its parking lot. Spectra has gotten their Certificate of Necessity and is proceeding to replace these pipes. When this work is being done (horizontal directional drilling) under the Taconic Parkway, it will come out at Legacy Fields. For security

and safety reasons, Legacy Fields will not operate while the drilling is going on. The Town sat down with Spectra again and came up with the Granite Knolls project. The Town now has a bid price of 3.8 million dollars and a design and is in negotiations with Enbridge for payment of the 3.8 million to make this plan a reality. This facility will rival any community in the area in terms of a sports and recreation complex – it is intergenerational and has both passive and active opportunities for recreation. It will be a good value for homes in Yorktown.

Supervisor Grace continued to describe the facility: there will be handball courts, pickle ball courts, a pavilion for recreational purposes, a playground, putting green, basketball courts, and restrooms. A parking lot will connect to the old Phoenix Home property. This property was just sold to the Shrub Oak International School who will create a secondary access road which will give the Town two entrance ways in and out of the Granite Knolls complex. The main parking area will accommodate 200 cars with an overflow lot on another part of the property. There is a 90 foot baseball field with synthetic turf, and an adaptive portion of the field for those with disabilities. There will be a concession stand, batting cages, 2 all-purpose fields with synthetic turf for football, soccer, lacrosse. Surrounding the area will be a walking path which will be able to connect over to Legacy Fields. Storm water catch basins will be installed. There is very little in the way of environmental disturbance since this area has a history of disturbance going back to its time as cleared farmland. This is a very exciting project for Yorktown and Supervisor Grace gave much credit to the design team (Joe Riina, Bruce Barber, and the Parks and Recreation Commission). He also mentioned that the company that won the bid is a Yorktown company, Montesano.

Joe Riina, project engineer from Site Design Concepts, reviewed some of the more technical aspects of the project. The main entrance is just north of the gas pipeline easement. There will be turning lanes to help ease some of the traffic flow to allow acceleration and deceleration of vehicles entering the facility. The entrance will have one way in and two ways out so there will not be a huge stacking of cars trying to exit. There is a turnoff for emergency vehicle access. There are several access ways off the parking lots, at least two of which are ADA compliant. The handball court, pickle ball court, basketball court, playground, and pavilion are being built over existing impervious surfaces that were there and were created as part of the Loyola Jesuit facility back in the 1950s. The Town is reclaiming what is there and rehabilitating it. The multipurpose field is synthetic turf which has a good long-lasting quality. The walking paths are 10 feet wide which will provide enough room for bikes, rollerblading, etc. There will be several benched areas and picnic areas, as well. The fields will be fenced in for safety and security. There will be sight lighting along the roadway, parking area, and walkways. It will be the same type of light fixtures as in the Town's streetscape. The lighting will be night sky compliant which means that the lights will only project illumination in the immediate area of the light and not above it. It will not be a visual impairment from a distance. Field lighting has been proposed for the two fields which will be state of the art LED lighting and will be subject to the schedule of use set by the Parks and Recreation Department. The project falls under the state requirements to comply with a storm water SPEDES permit which means the Town has to take all of the storm water from the site and treat it and attenuate it so that there are no flood impacts off the site. In order to do this, green infrastructure was introduced into the project (grass pavers, gravel parking area, pervious turf surfaces, etc.). Storm water wetland basins provide water quality treatment for the water by collecting and treating the natural pollutants that occur in storm water runoff. A SWPPP was done for pre and post construction and a permit will be required from NYC DEP. Sewer and water will be brought to the site for the concession stand and restrooms. The outlying area of the site will be used for mitigation for some of the tree cutting that will be done.

Bruce Barber, environmental consultant for Cornerstone Associates, discussed the environmental impact the project will have. One of the tenets you would try to do to in terms of preserving natural resources is to locate the development where there already has been some disturbance. That is what is happening at Granite Knolls. Mr. Barber showed the old aerial photographs of where the land had been disturbed in the past used for farming and recreational purposes. A lot of different tree and plants species had grown on the site that are considered invasive. Invasive plants create a situation that is not favorable for biodiversity or habitat or regenerative forest techniques. Mr. Barber reviewed the different kinds of soil and wetlands that exist on the Granite Knolls property and how they relate to runoff and occasional flooding and ice conditions. These conditions will be corrected and runoff conditions will be improved. There are 7 separate wetlands areas on the site. They are very small areas of 1,000 square feet to just

under an acre. They can be formed by a fallen tree, excavation for farming uses, etc. None of the water is there long enough to create vernal pools, which would be favorable. There are 1.8 acres of wetlands and 14 acres of wetlands buffer. There is a forest management plan that will be done on approximately 4 acres: tree planting, removal of invasive tree species, forest regeneration practices, increase of meadow lands. Mr. Barber discussed what kinds of trees will be planted and the forest management plan that will be followed. All of this will create greater biodiversity that cannot be found in other wildlife areas in Yorktown. The trail system that already exists will be examined for its connectivity to other trails, as well as educational programs.

Supervisor Grace invited people to visit the site. He also believes that this will be a revenue generator for the Town. He stated that this project has to move forward now because the scheduling of the close of Legacy Fields will be after Thanksgiving this year; he hopes to have the fields at Granite Knolls ready for spring 2018. The goal is to get this up and running to replace the activities that will be cancelled at Legacy Fields. Some of the amenities may not be ready at that point, but he hopes to have the fields ready and operational. The amenities that may be pushed back may include some of the buildings: pavilion, some bathrooms, etc. The Town now has the bids, the pricing, and the contract and he hopes to close negotiations with Enbridge soon to have the \$3.8 million covered. The price of the turf will still need to be worked out. The Town may have to invest town funds of a few hundred thousand dollars to close the gap on the cost. Supervisor Grace stated that his hope is that the gap won't be more than 10% of the total price. He sees this as an opportunity that needs to be taken and something that will be for all generations of Yorktown residents.

Joe Riina said that they will be working closely with the Trail Committee to develop the trails on the property and their connectivity. There is an opportunity for these trails to run through scenic areas and natural habitats. This is a project that is a balance of recreation and natural environment that has no rival.

Councilman Bernard asked if traffic issues could be addressed. Supervisor Grace mentioned a traffic study was done by the Phoenix House and was made part of the consideration of the Shrub Oak International School's application. There will be improvements made to Stony Street, as well as a secondary entrance being done by the Shrub Oak International School which will give an entrance way both to the south and to the north.

The following people spoke:

Julia Vesei, Shrub Oak resident, spoke in favor of the project. She spoke as an avid player and member of pickle ball programs (she runs the Bedford pickle ball program). She spoke of running tournaments as a source of revenue. Pickle ball is a low cost sport and is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. It is a multi-generational sport that can be played both indoors and out.

Joe Bucello, resident, is a youth coach and expressed his support of this project. He said he has never seen a facility like this and how it will bring many people to the Town and the favorable impact on property values.

Mark Connelly, co-chair of the Advisory Board on Architecture and Community Appearance, congratulated the Board on a great use of the site. He asked if the Town has access to the road on the north side, why other areas are being disturbed. Shouldn't just the road on the north be improved in order to save money? Supervisor Grace stated that the grade of the road was too steep to make it safe. The alternative was to abandon the whole entrance way there and just use the service road the Shrub Oak International School was building. The problem with that solution is there may be too much traffic for just one entrance way, as well as having to provide alternate routes for emergency vehicles.

Ellen Weininger, resident, stated that in 2013 Yorktown residents would benefit by turning public lands over to Spectra. She stated that New York State did have some control over the pipeline because air and water permits for these pipelines and could have rejected them. This is public land and, by law, required parkland alienation approval by the New York State Legislature which was never submitted. Ms. Weininger stated that it is disconcerting to see plans for a beautiful field side by side with a 42 inch high pressure gas pipeline. Children and gas pipelines don't mix. There are facts that have been outlined on record by an independent

safety expert and several engineering experts who are on the record with signed affidavits regarding these projects and ruptures of gas pipelines. Pipelines are subject to leaks, fires, and explosion, are not uncommon, and are exhibiting rising failure rates especially in new installations according to the United States Department of Transportation Pipeline Hazardous Material and Safety Administration. Ms. Weininger displayed a graph that showed a precipitous rise in pipeline failure rates over the last several years. This is especially true in new pipelines – there are serious deficiencies and problems during construction. Ms. Weininger quoted pipeline forensic expert and safety expert Rick Cooperwitz regarding the damage that can occur with a pipeline rupture. Spectra has a poor record of safety violations; FERC issued a serious violation that Spectra committed in wetland area which involved horizontal directional drilling. She proceeded to cite instances of problems and accidents that have been documented regarding Spectra. Ms. Weininger feels that the plans for the construction of the Granite Knolls facility fit in with the scenarios of problems and violations that Spectra has demonstrated.

Supervisor Grace stated that no alienation going on because there is nothing being given to Spectra. She is referring back to the AIM pipeline because that is what should have been brought to the New York State Legislature.

Rob Moy, resident, stated that Spectra has been a part of the Yorktown community for about 50 years putting residents at risk by operating a gas pipeline through the heart of the community while contributing very little, apparently not even paying their share of taxes for the land they own. He feels Spectra owes the residents for the previous 50 years and should provide the facility without putting the community at further risk by expanding the pipeline project.

Robert Puff, resident, voiced his support for the Granite Knolls project and thanked all those involved in the planning of the project. He said how much he appreciated that this is an investment for the future of the Town, its residents both young and old, as well as property values.

Walter Daniels, Chairperson of the Committee on Open Space, stated that their committee was the first to recommend the Town purchase of Granite Knolls and voiced his support of the project and described the variety of trails that exist in that area and the conditions that exist on the trails, how to make them ADA compliant and upgrading, and approximate cost.

Ilan Gilbert, resident, stated that, as a community, we have not kept pace with other towns in surrounding areas and we should not be embarrassed to be the home team. He wants to give credit where credit is due. His only concern is that as a community, we should know and be told exactly what the price of the project should be. The residents have the right to know what the costs are. He believed that Legacy Fields cost \$7.5 million and has a hard time believing that this more development and significant project would cost only \$3.8 million. Mr. Gilbert said that he feels very good that there should be no environmental concerns with the project and voiced his confidence in Bruce Barber's work as environmental consultant. He said that everyone can agree when there is a great plan such as this one. His only concern is the cost to the Town; but even the mentioned possible 10% extra cost would be minimal. However, his is concerned that the 10% will grow to something more substantial. The statement that this is being done in phases may increase the cost – this is fine, but the public needs to be kept informed. Mr. Gilbert referred to comment made by Supervisor Grace, "we need to do this because we have a gun to our head"; he stated that it is always a terrible thing to operate in that kind of environment where you feel pressured rather than use diligence and go through it methodically. Not to say you have to drag your heels, but make the right decisions based upon facts.

Supervisor Grace stated that the pressure comes from the fact there are two pipelines in Legacy Fields not by our choice but how things evolved. The idea is not so much of pressure as it is persistence in trying to get this done since the last Board failed to act on the request for alienation. Those in favor did not give up at that point; in fact, efforts were stepped up since work had been diligently done on the project for at least 4 years. Supervisor Grace the only pressure is to get it done so there is an alternative to Legacy Fields being out of use while the pipeline is replaced. The project has already been bid; there is no question on the price of \$3.8 million. The only thing not included is the cost of the turf and some of the building.

Supervisor Grace said they are still negotiating with Enbridge and is confident that they are going to fully cover the \$3.8 million and hope to have the difference covered, as well. There is also trust and agency money which is not taxpayer money – it is money set aside by developers for recreational improvements.

Loretta Schiavone, resident, stated that her number one concern is safety on Stony Street. It is used as a diversion when there is an accident on the Taconic which causes traffic problems. She is concerned for the students of the proposed Shrub Oak International School since there are no emergency lanes for children who may be walking on the road, as was the case with some of the residents of the prior Phoenix House. There are major trees leaning over the wires on the Stony Street that have not been taken care of and she finds it hard to believe all of this will be rectified when Granite Knolls and the Shrub Oak School are built. She mentioned the amount of students, personnel, visitors and sports teams are going to travel the area. Stony Street is not a well-maintained road.

Susan Siegel, resident, wanted to touch on many points regarding the project. This public hearing was advertised for a storm water and wetlands and tree permit – where is the site plan? When is there going to be a hearing on the site plan and who is the approval authority on the site plan and under what section of the code? According to the Town Code, the Conservation Board is to review the site plan before approval – has the Conservation Board seen the site plan yet? Have they responded within the permitted time? Even if the Town Board assumes approval authority, will it be referred to the Planning Board for recommendations? The Planning Board has not seen a site plan for this, only a prior concept plan. If the Town Board is planning to vote on this tonight, the proper approvals have not been obtained. Mrs. Siegel agrees with Mr. Gilbert's comments regarding the cost of the project. Is going with the low bid price the smartest choice? The price spread on the bids (from approximately \$9 million down to \$3.8 million) is very wide. Did all of the bids come in with prices on everything in the bid specs? The public should see more of a specific plan that shows what the additional items will cost: the turf, the buildings, etc. She believes more work needs to be done in order to be fully transparent with the taxpayers. Enbridge is going to be using Legacy which means there should be the same parkland alienation unless you do a license agreement. Since the Atlantic Bridge plan came out there have been significant changes to that plan as they deal with Legacy. For example, it's not just the HDD drilling underneath for the pipeline, but we're now going to have almost an acre of workspace that we're giving to Enbridge. There is going to be a temporary access road into Legacy which was not part of the original plan, so the Town is actually giving them more space. This goes back to the question that if the Town is doing HDD drilling, how many months from Thanksgiving to whenever would Legacy have been out of commission because we didn't want our children playing there? Now that they're going to have work space there and a temporary access road with more traffic coming in, how much longer will Legacy be out of commission only because the Town has made this additional agreement with them? The EAF for the project says there will be a substantial increase in traffic, mostly on the weekends. The mitigation for this refers to the traffic study that the International school did. When you look at their study, it states that they didn't really know what the impact of the traffic would be for a complex like Granite Knolls. There were no traffic generation counts for evenings or weekends when the fields would be mostly used. Mrs. Siegel feels there really hasn't been a traffic study done. Legacy Fields or Navajo Fields should have been looked at for traffic issues. Will there be enough revenue generated if Granite Knolls is charging for use, as well as Legacy Fields or will the revenue at Legacy drop off because people want to use Granite Knolls. Has the Town looked at using school fields while Legacy is out of commission? The Town did that for the school when their field was being worked on. The question of the fee issue and need should be addressed. Has a study ever been done on how many fields we have, how often they are used, where are the bottlenecks of time when the fields are being scheduled for use? Does the Town really need new fields or should the existing fields be fixed? If we have money in the trust and agency fund, maybe it should be used to work on existing fields. Mrs. Siegel said there are just too many questions that need to be answered. She urges this be referred to the Conservation Board and the Planning Board.

Supervisor Grace stated that the numbers are good. In a post bid opening meeting, the Board went over the bid line by line with the contractor and are confident that the bid is good. There is no alienation in regards to Legacy Fields. It would have been possible to allow Enbridge to do their work and the Town to use the fields at the same time, but the collective judgment of the Town Board and Town Departments was that it would be imprudent and put everyone at a safety

risk. Letting Enbridge to work without the presence of residents will allow them to do their work in a timelier manner.

Barbara Felber, resident, voiced her support of the Granite Knolls project and that the children will be blessed to have fields and courts such as these (particularly the pickle ball courts).

Matt Talbert, Commissioner for the Yorktown Athletic Club for football, stated how important this project is for the children in Yorktown. They are wearing down the fields they are using for practice at Granite Knolls now and safety may become an issue. He spoke about how he has seen traffic/parking filled to capacity at Legacy Fields and has never seen a problem and feels that the traffic at Granite Knolls will also not be an issue, especially with the access roads and turning lanes. This project touches on so many activities for the residents that it would be a shame if it didn't happen. If they can't practice at Legacy next year without Granite Knolls available, Mr. Talbert said that they might as well shut down football, soccer, etc. because of the struggle for practice space. He stated that there will always be a need for all of the fields in Yorktown.

Rick Romanski, President of the Yorktown Youth Soccer Club, came before the Board with players from the soccer teams. He spoke in favor of Granite Knolls and the need for having this project go forward. Mr. Romanski spoke of the promises that have been made over the years for fields and wants to make sure that this goes through. He thanked the members of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for their efforts on the project. He spoke about how Legacy Fields almost didn't happen and how that can't happen with Granite Knolls. You can't worry about the 146 gas transmission pipeline deaths that occurred across the nation because more people die from deer accidents than the blasts the previous speaker mentioned. There is Charlie Murphy Tournament that is held each year where 6,000 to 8,000 people attend and traffic flows out of the high school and has not yet been an issue. Yorktown Youth Soccer Club Tournament also has approximately 6,000 to 8,000 people visiting and there has not been a problem. The development of these projects needs to be done for the future of Yorktown and the children.

John Campobasso, resident and President of Yorktown Athletic Club, thanked the Supervisor and the Town Board for the work on the project. He also thanked Parks and Recreation for the time they put into all of the fields. He said he is very happy about the turf fields. Mr. Campobasso feels that this project is well worth the money.

Jim Pugliese, resident, thanked the Town Board and the residents for supporting this facility. He spoke of the worn-down condition of the fields and how this is needed. This is something that just has to happen for all people involved in the community. The land will be in better condition than what currently exists on the property.

David Zaslav, resident and volunteer in the soccer and baseball programs, said he is proud of the work that has been put into the sports programs in Yorktown. The Granite Knolls facility will take these programs to the next level. He spoke of the need for the larger baseball diamonds as children grow and that it is necessary for them to be turf fields.

Jane Daniels, Trail Committee, supports the idea but wanted to bring the focus back to the public hearing for the wetlands permit. She asked about invasive vine removal and was told by the Supervisor that the vines would be removed. She thanked Joe Riina and Bruce Barber for stating that they will reach out for help on the trails. Mrs. Daniels asked that speed will need to be controlled on the trails if they are wide enough for mountain bikes. The connectivity to Sylvan Glen needs to be done better and she offered help in doing this. She also hoped that there will be ADA accessible trails.

Patrick Cumiskey, Parks and Recreation Commissioner, thanked Bruce Barber and Joe Riina. He also thanks Diana L. Quast for "quarterbacking" this whole thing and did a good job of going back and forth among everyone to make sure she received everyone's input. He thanked Todd Orłowski and Kyle Thornton from Parks and Recreation for the work that is done on the fields to keep the children playing. Mr. Cumiskey stated that he believes that there is a difference between having a "gun put to one's head" and having a sense of urgency in getting something done. Things in town tend to move like a glacier, nitpick everything instead of getting the majority of something done and working through the rest. Mr. Cumiskey is an executive for a

multi-million dollar construction company and said that he has gotten involved because he wants to build parks for the Town and to repair the existing parks. He has also volunteered to be a liaison between the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Planning Board. He went through the bids that were received for this project and explained why there may seem to be discrepancies. He looked at the numbers of the contractor for Granite Knolls and said that the numbers are good and the contractor has an excellent reputation. His numbers are aggressive, not stupid or ridiculous. The DOT publishes rates online and anyone can see that this contractor's numbers are within the market rate. It is a sound bid from a contractor who wants to work in his home town.

Town Attorney Michael McDermott stated that the bid was put on the New York State bid system so it was available to contractors across the state.

Mr. Cumiskey stated how this project reaches across the entire spectrum of ages and the Town will get a return on their investment very quickly. Enbridge is going to save money with the HDD drilling and we are going to share in their savings. The Town should not look a gift horse in the mouth. Mr. Cumiskey said the Planning Board has seen the site plan; the new concept plan shown this evening is a result of the Planning Board's comments.

Supervisor Grace stated that this project has been vetted through all of the boards. These boards are advisory to the Town Board who has received their comments. One of the issues the Tree Commission had was the shielding that Spectra has on the property now between the facilities. Supervisor Grace said that all of the apparatus and equipment that is up there now will disappear in the next phase. He said that the public will see how the Town has held its own feet to the fire on this project. This has been in the works for a very long time and he is confident that the negotiations will bear fruit for the Town.

Judyth Stavans, resident, thanked the Board for all of their work and thanked the parent volunteers for their contributions to the sports programs. She asked that people not mistake questions for opposition. This is a big project and it is reasonable for people to ask questions. Mrs. Stavans said that even though a new pipeline is going in where the old pipeline exists, it is quite different. It is much larger and does not have the same safety record. It is not a one for one replacement and the safety level is not the same. She asks that the Board continue the project with transparency and mentioned the turf and some of the buildings not being included in the bid and is interested in seeing the cost for those items and the total cost of the bid. She also mentioned seeing projected costs for maintenance. Mrs. Stavans spoke about the traffic issue and the traffic generated by deliveries in and out of the Shrub Oak School.

Supervisor Grace stated that he will let everyone know what the total cost will be; however he is still in negotiations with Enbridge. At this point, the current bid price is fully covered. He cannot discuss all of this in public at this point. He feels the number will be between \$4-5 million as he begins the negotiations and may be another \$300,000-400,000. That is what the Board is aiming for. The Board is very tight with spending which is why the budget is in such good shape. Supervisor Grace said his goal was to get this for nothing and although that may not happen, any additional monies will be an investment in the Town.

Tony Grasso, resident and member of Chamber of Commerce, stated he is complete favor of this project. He stated that members of the real estate community think this plan is good because it will bring people and other businesses into Town. He said everyone is used to the naysayers at this point and wishes more people would come to Board meetings.

Sergio Esposito, member of the Chamber of Commerce, said that this project is for the children and doesn't understand the objections, which to him don't seem to be large issues. If there are complaints about traffic, he said, there are already traffic issues in Town from the tournaments and sports events which are handled satisfactorily. It is not as much a concern as people make it out to be. Mr. Esposito also mentioned what a great job is done by Parks and Recreation. This is a project that has to get done and it has to be turf.

Joe Frederick, resident, talked about the risks that were brought up earlier and stated that risks exist in daily living. All the answers don't need to be known up front; the reasons are strong enough to proceed with the project. This project will give our children something to do; it will help maintain their interest.

Elisse Graham, resident, thinks this is a great project but made one comment to remind the Board that not every child in the Town is “sports-centric.” Some of them love art and music and theater and feels we need a little more balance when these opportunities come up when money becomes available, especially when there are just as many non-sports families that love Yorktown just as much.

Supervisor Grace said that Ms. Graham is spot on in her comments and agrees there is neglect in the fine arts but said there is more good news to come regarding these areas. Councilman Bernard mention the work done with the Scouts and Councilman Lachterman mentioned the Lions Club work with young people.

Councilman Diana thanked the YAC, the Yorktown Youth Soccer, SOAC, pickle ball club, and all others for showing up this evening and expressing their views. The children are our future and are the ones that someday may be sitting in their seats on the Board. This project will increase home values and help bring the community closer together. There will be more traffic for a little while and will then abate and reminded everyone that, as a former police officer, most speeding is done in an area by your neighbors.

All those present having been given the opportunity to be heard and there being no further discussion, the public hearing was closed. Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Lachterman and carried.

Councilman Patel asked that everyone come to the meeting that will discuss the budget for this project so that your voice can be heard. He said that children are our biggest accomplishment in our life’s work and need to be nurtured and protected. They are our future scientists, doctors, sports players, etc. He also stated that it is a great project and it needs to be done correctly regarding need, cost, and safety.

Councilman Bernard stated that they are trying to come up with innovative ways to calm down traffic and doesn’t want people to think that this is being ignored.

Supervisor Grace said he appreciated everyone coming out for the project and support helps to push it forward. He spoke of future possibilities for the fields. Draft resolutions will be prepared, comments reviewed, and will be ready for the July 18th Town Board meeting. The goal was to come in at no cost and the basic fields and courts will be at no cost to the Town. The Town will get what those additional investments may be because there were some amenities added on as the project evolved that are really worthwhile. The question of sponsorship was raised for funding and Supervisor Grace said that it will all be looked at.

John Campobasso, stated that if Legacy Fields closes and this doesn’t open, it will be devastating for the sports teams and a fight will begin to not close Legacy Fields.

Supervisor Grace said they have been navigating these waters for a couple of years and the goal was to get this project for little to no cost to the taxpayers. One of the impediments to moving this along was the issue of the negotiations with the third party whose money they were hoping to use. If that substantial amount was not going to be there, this whole project would have already unraveled and it would not have been prudent for the Town to do biddable documents if they didn’t have confidence in the negotiations.

AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR YCCC BATHROOM RENOVATIONS
RESOLUTION #244

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, NY until 11:00 A.M. on the 31st day of July, 2017 at the Town Hall 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 for Renovations to the Bathrooms at the Yorktown Community and Cultural Center.

Specifications may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk in said Town Hall or on the Town’s website at www.yorktownny.org.

The Bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by the employees of the Town of Yorktown. Whether sent by mail or means of personal delivery, the Bidder assumes the responsibility for having the bids in at the time and the place specified above. All bids are to be returned to the Town Clerk, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, marked "Bid: YCCC Bathroom Renovations."

The Town of Yorktown reserves the right to waive any informalities in the bids, to reject any and all bids, and reserves the right to accept the bid which is deemed most favorable to the interests of the Town of Yorktown. No company may withdraw their bid within thirty (30) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

If mailed, sealed bids must be addressed in care of the Town Clerk at the above address.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

REQUEST FOR WETLAND & STORMWATER PERMIT – 1481 MAIDEN LANE – BOESCHL

A discussion took place regarding Mr. Boeschl's request for a wetland and stormwater permit in order to construct a new single family home on the site of a house that burned down. Mr. Boeschl will use the same footprint as the previous home and will actually shrink the footprint somewhat. The Board set a public hearing for August 1, 2017.

REQUEST FOR WETLAND & STORMWATER PERMIT – 1481 MAIDEN LANE – BOESCHL

RESOLUTION #245

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN, that a public hearing will be convened by the Town Board, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York at the Town Hall, Town of Yorktown, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York on the 1st day of August, 2017 at 7:30 o'clock PM, or as soon thereafter as the same can be heard to consider the Wetland Permit Application received from Robert Boeschl for property located at 1481 Maiden Lane, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, also known as Section 47.13, Block 1, Lot 15. The request is to perform the following activity: Construction of a single family residence that will replace one that had previously burned down

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR ALARM MONITORING SERVICES FOR TOWN FACILITIES

RESOLUTION #246

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that notice is here given that sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk of the Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, New York, at the Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, New York, until 11:00 A.M., on the 31st day of July 2017, for Alarm Monitoring Services at Town facilities throughout the Town.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

WAIVE RENTAL FEE FOR AMERICAN RED CROSS USE OF YORKTOWN COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER'S GYM

RESOLUTION #247

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, the rental fee of \$367.50 for use of the YCCC gym is hereby waived for the American Red Cross' blood drive to be held during the Chamber of Commerce Street Fair.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZE FUND TRANSFER FOR HIGHWAY PAVING
RESOLUTION #248

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Comptroller is hereby authorized to transfer \$1,400,000 from the General Fund - Fund Balance to D5112.210 Highway Paving.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR WELLNESS IN NUTRITION
RESOLUTION #249

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services for Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) in the amount of \$9,357, with an estimate of an additional \$3,072 Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP). This is for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR AAA TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES
RESOLUTION #250

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign an agreement with Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services for AAA Transportation Services in the amount of \$3,222. This is for the period April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR WATER MAINTENANCE MATERIALS
RESOLUTION #251

Upon motion made by Councilman Bernard, seconded by Councilman Diana,

RESOLVED, that notice is here given that sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk, Town of Yorktown, Westchester County, NY until 11:00 A.M. on August 4th, 2017 at Town Hall, 363 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights, N.Y. 10598 for various Water Maintenance Materials as set forth in the in the Bid Documents, or their approved equal or equivalent.

Grace, Patel, Bernard, Diana, Lachterman Voting Aye
Resolution adopted.

ADJOURN

Upon motion made by Councilman Diana, seconded by Councilman Bernard, the Town Board meeting was adjourned.

MAURA WEISSLEDER
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF YORKTOWN