# VILLAGE OF WALDEN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

Mayor Becky Pearson called the Village of Walden Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:30PM.

On roll call the following were:

Present: Mayor Becky Pearson

Deputy Mayor Mary Ellen Matise Trustees Roy Wynkoop

Mary Jean Norman

Richard Hurd Lauren Keator Jose DeJesus

Also Present: James Politi, Village Manager

Nancy Mitchell, Village Clerk Kevin Dowd, Village Attorney

## **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt the minutes of September 8, 2005. Seconded by Trustee Matise. All ayes with the exception of Trustee DeJesus abstaining. Minutes adopted.

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt the minutes of September 13, 2005 with the following corrections, Page 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, change September of 1972 to September 1973, Page 6, 7<sup>th</sup> paragraph, change less to more. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. Minutes adopted.

# Introductory Local Law I-1 of 2005, "Vehicles and Traffic"

Mayor Pearson presented the Affidavit of Posting, Affidavit of Publication and Notice of Hearing which she read.

There were no written comments.

Irene Freer, 748 Route 52 stated that her son borrowed her car and parked in the municipal lot and received a parking ticket for overtime parking. She feels she should have been notified because she was out of town and didn't know it was going into effect..

Trustee Wynkoop indicated that the Oak Street Parking Lot and the Maple Street parking lots have no restrictions.

Mayor Pearson explained that the Village is starting to reinforce what we had before because business did not have the parking they paid to have in that lot.

Donna Sokolinski, 148 W. Main Street asked where the two hour parking on W. Main Street ends.

Manager Politi indicated that it will end at Pine Street.

Mr. Parzoch, 29-35 Main Street stated that one of his tenants parked in the Oak Street parking lot and got his tires slashed. He doesn't see why the parking would be after 11:00pm. Most businesses close at 6 or 7pm. Let the people from the apartments park at 7pm or give them stickers.

Trustee DeJesus stated that according to the code owners are to provide space for their tenants. The Board will be revisiting the law in three months and they did talk about stickers.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Village will be starting Saturday enforcement.

Mrs. Freer asked if people who are purchasing apartment buildings are told about the parking.

Marcus Millspaugh, 10 Jessup Street stated that 35 Main Street would have been assessed for a business community by the Colony Club. He would presume there must have been an agreement for taking care of cars for the apartments that were so assessed. He wondered what the agreement was. There should be some rights for the buildings that were assessed for that purchase.

Ruth Gardner, Walden Seniors asked the board to give the seniors passes for their Thursday meetings.

Mayor Pearson indicated that will come up later in the meeting.

Trustee Hurd moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Public hearing closed.

Trustee Hurd moved to declare the Board of Trustees lead agency and to declare a negative declaration under SEQRA. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hurd moved to adopt Local Law I-1 of 2005, "Vehicles and Traffic". Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Public Portion**

Raymond Haydock, 15 Watkins Drive stated that his neighbor is running an illegal hair salon. It's gotten to a point that he can't get in and out of his driveway because of the traffic and they use his driveway as a turn a round. He wrote a letter to the Building Inspector back on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in detail listing 40 or 50 cars that frequent this house by clients that get their hair done. There is also loud music and foul language. He has purchased a surveillance camera to watch when he's not there. A letter came back to him saying he has to find someone to go in and get a hair cut to physically see if there is a chair and salon there. He doesn't have anyone that could do that. He has a stack of pictures of these cars coming in and out. He asked for the Village to help him.

Manager Politi asked Mr. Haydock to come in with the tapes so he can review them.

Mr. Dowd stated that it's a matter of proof. He's talked to the Mayor, Building Inspector and Manager about this. The fact that there is a lot of traffic going in and out isn't of itself proof that they are running a business. We can't get into the premises with a search warrant unless we have probable cause to believe there is something illegal going on and we still need the proof. The fact that there is a lot of traffic going in doesn't prove anything. If someone goes in with long hair and comes out with short hair, it means the hair was cut, but it doesn't mean that the person is running a business. If they are blocking his driveway that's a violation of the vehicle and traffic law. If they are a nuisance, the loud music, the obscene language, people hanging all over the place, the parking. You could try to get an injunction against them from doing what they are doing.

Mr. Haydock stated that not only is it his personal reasoning, the chemical waste and the industrial waste and the water usage. He spoke to the water department, he happened to have a bill that was three or four times his normal bill, there was a mistake, he thought there was a mistake, but it was their bill next door and it was a crazy amount of water. It was out of the norm of a family.

Trustee DeJesus suggested that a letter go to the Department of Health as to what recourse they have regarding chemicals.

Mr. Haydock presented the Board with a petition of 25 names from the neighbors because the traffic has become a problem.

John Steinberg, Schoonmaker Homes stated that he is constructing three homes on First Street and his approvals require granite curbs. Part of First Street has no curbs and other portions have blacktop curbs. He asked the Board's permission to use blacktop instead of granite. Installing a granite curb on an existing street is hard to do because you

have to patch the binder back to the granite and then put a course on top. It's his understanding that the highway superintendent has a budget this year to put blacktop on the rest of the street.

Manager Politi stated that there is a drainage problem on that street that runs into the homes on S. Montgomery Street, so they were going to run curbs to divert the water.

Mr. Dowd indicated that the Board is the only one that can waive that regulation.

Manager Politi suggested, since this wasn't on the agenda and Mr. Steinberg is asking for a decision, the Board may want to take some time with this.

Donna Sokolowski, 148 W. Main Street asked about the Village constructing a skateboard park at Bradley Park.

Trustee Norman stated that the Village is planning on putting a skateboard park in at Bradley Park. There have been kids at the Parks and Recreation meetings with their parents. They will be meeting again in October, the first Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Trustee DeJesus stated that we have to look into the insurance cost.

Melissa Breitfeller, 12 Clinton Street stated that they have been having on going negotiations with the Village Manager for the past four years and they are hoping to come to some resolution with the Village and Board so they can have a sewer that remains functional. Their problem is that they have 70 year old orangburg piping that runs through their neighbor's property and they have had it roto-rootered several times and they paid for it and they can't do it anymore. The guy told them last time that there are too many roots and too many holes in it. They are in desperate need of an alternative. They are trying to figure out if they are going to the main which is right on Gladstone Avenue or if it's better to connect to the main which is at Ridge Avenue.

Manager Politi stated that after the Village returned their money for the sewer lateral at that time the Board suggested they come down and run their lateral down to Gladstone in the street. The Village would make a card for that and make sure everyone is aware of it, that it is in the street. At the same time they wanted to find out if it was a shorter route or easier route to go to Ridge Avenue. They had a survey crew take some shots and the Ridge Avenue option they would need a pump.

Mr. Foder asked why can't there be a main brought up from Gladstone so they can connect in front of their house.

Manager Politi stated that they have a sewer lateral that is their maintenance issue. They own the sewer lateral. The Village has a functioning sewer on Gladstone Avenue. The Village is giving them the option of instead of running their lateral, which is theirs to maintain, through the yard which would mean tearing down a tree and moving a garage down, to come down Clinton Street. For a water service the Village owns until the curb

stop and the property owner owns from the curb stop in. With a sewer lateral you own the entire lateral to the main. The Village maintains the main and it's the homeowner's responsibility to maintain the lateral.

Mr. Dowd asked, when they bought their house, he assumes an attorney represented them; they had a title report which would have shown that their sewer line ran through an easement on their neighbors property. He asked if that's what the title report shows or did his attorney explain that their sewer line went through somebody's property. They should have known when they bought the house where their sewer line was running through their neighbor's property. If there was a survey they would have seen it and it could have been corrected before they closed. If they have a legal easement and a legal right to use that easement to get through the property he has no right to block it and Mr. Foder's recourse is really to make him remove the garage or to extend over so they can run their sewer line.

Trustee Hurd suggested they go back and read the closing documents. They may have a civil suit.

Trustee DeJesus stated that the impression is the Village hasn't done anything to help here and that is not true. This has been going on for a while. The fact is he doesn't want people to leave here with the impression that this board just sits back and doesn't do anything about it. Options have been made available. We can not pay for a private lateral because then it opens up a whole situation. They have been offered the opportunity to go down the street to Gladstone. They want the Village to pay for it and we cannot do that. It wouldn't be fair to the rest of the taxpayers.

#### **Audited Bills**

Trustee Keator moved to pay the audited bills of September 27, 2005. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like the Board members to sign the bills before the meeting. She doesn't want the bills at this table. If Board members want to come in early and sign the bills they should go to the office area to sign them. It's part of the Board's job to know what's in those bills.

Trustee Keator stated that when she first became a Trustee she wasn't familiar with the bills and now that she is signing is a lot easier.

Manager Politi stated that 95% of the bills are ready by Friday, so the Board has the option of coming in earlier.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he likes the option of looking at them here because he gets here a half hour before the meeting. It doesn't make him less vigilant, he does have questions.

Mayor Pearson stated that the Board has the same choice, they're just not going to look at them at this table. She feels they should stay in the office.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it's not a matter of policy, it's a matter of personal preference. He has come in on weekends and left notes too.

Trustee Keator stated that from time to time she will come in on Sundays to sign bills, but she doesn't always.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that she doesn't mind bills being signed before the meeting, as long as it doesn't interfere with the meeting.

Trustee Hurd stated that he's looked at the bills for years and years and years. He pays more attention to the bills then the Mayor might think. When he has issues he makes note of it. He comes in at 6:00pm and he has a half hour to look at them and if he feels there is something unusual he will go back and review it. He would like to be able to do what they are doing now.

Trustee Norman stated that she feels there isn't a problem. She comes in early to sign the bills and she has come in after church to sign the bills. If you have a question all the Board members are here to discuss it. When she would come in on Sundays she would leave lots of notes for the Manager. This way she can talk to the other Trustees.

Mayor Pearson asked if she feels more rushed when she is here in the evening and just signs her name to them and not looking at them, zipping through them.

Trustee Norman stated that she comes in at 6:00pm.

Mayor Pearson stated that they can go to the office at 6:00pm.

Trustee Norman stated that as long as it doesn't interfere with the meeting there is no problem.

All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Authorization of Change Order for WWTP Clarifier Upgrades**

Manager Politi stated that the clarifier work is under way, they've gutted most of the first acetylene tank. There was a troth that was in there that they didn't think they would need to repair or replace, ultimately they find that they do.

Mayor Pearson asked why they didn't know this in the beginning.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he agrees with the Mayor, because if you know the system is old you should have an idea that things need to be replaced.

Trustee DeJesus moved to approve the change order for the WWTP clarifier upgrade. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. All ayes. Motion carried.

# Authorization to Request Purchase of DOT Property for Parkland at "Upper Bridge"

Deputy Mayor Matise moved to authorize the Village Manager to request purchase of DOT property for parkland at "Upper Bridge" contingent upon the cost. Seconded by Trustee Hurd. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Introductory Local Law I-2 of 2005, Amending Criteria for Water Emergencies**

Manager Politi stated that looking at the current law there are several stages you go through as the level drops in a drought. They would like to bump those numbers up to implement an emergency earlier.

Deputy Mayor Matise suggested the local law be change from his or its opinion to the officers or Board's opinion.

Trustee DeJesus introduced Introductory Local Law No. I-2 of 2005, "Mandatory Water Conservation Measures" as amended.

Mayor Pearson moved to hold a public hearing on Introductory Local Law No. I-2 of 2005, "Mandatory Water Conservation Measures" on October 5, 2005 at 6:30pm. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Wynkoop moved to hold a special meeting on October 5, 2005 at 6:30pm for the community meeting. Seconded by Trustee DeJesus. All ayes. Motion carried.

## **Grant Street Parking Review**

Manager Politi advised the Board he found a letter dated 1987 from the Police Chief to the Village Manager recommending that no parking should occur in the space in front of Sheeley's on Grant Street. He couldn't find where anyone acted on that. There is an entrance for the car wash and laundry, so he can go back in there and fill it in with parking, according to the site plan. He went over parking on Hepper Street, which they will pick up four or five spaces.

Mayor Pearson stated that she would like to go back and drive it again. She would also like the residents to be notified.

It was the consensus of the Board to have the Manager move forward on a local law for parking on Hepper Street.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received a letter from Craig Anderson regarding a van parking on the street all day long at the intersection of Ulster Avenue and Lincoln

Street. He's concerned because this van is there for days and it's hard to get out of his driveway. After she spoke to the Building Inspector the van was moved and she doesn't know if its back.

Manager Politi stated that he will check the NYSDOT specs on clearance.

Mr. Dowd indicated that the option is to start putting timed parking on the streets.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he doesn't want to get into timed parking in residential areas.

# **IDA Recommendation for Economic Development Director**

Trustee DeJesus stated that the IDA/Community Development Board held a meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup> at which time they discussed the issue of putting up some money to hire a person to be the economic director for the Village, in light of the fact we have a new comprehensive plan that will be implemented. This will require a lot of time and effort. The IDA only has \$64,000 in their budget and they don't have a way to generate additional funding. They do have the capacity to generate bonds for businesses that are looking to expand. They are looking to make sure we maintain the businesses we have and to strengthen those businesses and to attract new businesses. From the \$64,000 funds they are willing to put up \$15,000 towards the cost of an economic development director. The community development fund has a lot more money and they are recommending to this board, which needs to approve this recommendation, is the additional \$25,000 which will be \$40,000 for the position to create the economic development director for the Village of Walden.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the position was for a certain person.

Trustee DeJesus stated that it is for a certain person, Alan Sorensen who put together the comprehensive plan. This position is a contractual position.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that Alan Sorensen is a planner, what makes him qualified to be head of an IDA.

Trustee DeJesus stated that Mr. Sorensen was the director of the Office of Economic Development in Sullivan County and he was instrumental in that whole Emerald Green Development in Sullivan County. He also developed the Main Street Program in Albany which was a state wide program. He also has an ability to generate grants. We have the opportunity to hire someone who has the experience that we need. We want to go forward with the comprehensive plan and we want to make sure its done in a timely manner.

Mayor Pearson asked how does this person work, by the hour and how does he get paid.

Trustee DeJesus stated that he would have a contract and they will submit vouchers.

Mayor Pearson asked if he could work for 3-6 months and go through \$40,000.

Manager Politi stated that it would be a retainer. The Planning Board and Zoning Board have asked for assistance and he will attend those meetings.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the only stipulation that she would want, especially as they start developing the MX zone, one concern is that whatever we do there should be a lot of input especially from Main Street. We should also improve our walkways, vehicular and pedestrian systems.

Trustee DeJesus moved to approve the recommendation of the Community Development Board to set aside \$25,000, in additional to the \$15,000 from the IDA to employ the services of Mr. Alan Sorensen. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop.

Mayor Pearson asked if there will be a contract drawn up and does the Board have to approve that contract.

Mr. Dowd stated that the question is who is going to be the contracting agency, the Village or the IDA or both. He further stated that the IDA and Village Board should have something to memorialize the monies that will be going to this position and agree on who will be the overseer and director of what that person does.

Manager Politi stated that in the minutes the members of the IDA came here first to seek the Board's approval to move in that direction, also to meet with Alan Sorensen to set the parameters and somehow memorialize it.

Trustee DeJesus amended his motion to include that the Village Manager and Trustee DeJesus will come back to the Board with a contract describing what the expectations are. All ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Review of Village Snow Policy**

Mayor Pearson stated that Chief Holmes wrote about the procedure regarding snow emergencies. She has a concern because it happened last year with a snow being designated to be ½ inch and it turns out to be 5 inches. She feels the public should be alerted when a snow emergency is declared.

Manager Politi stated that notification goes out to the radio stations. In the past the police drove around with the bull horn and there were people who said they didn't hear it for various reasons.

Trustee Wynkoop stated that if his cars are in the driveway and he's sleeping he doesn't want to get woken up at 4am.

Mayor Pearson stated that there are some people who don't have a driveway.

Trustee Norman suggested they blow the fire horn.

Mayor Pearson stated that you don't know when a snow emergency is over.

Manager Politi stated that it's on the radio.

Mayor Pearson stated that if the police see that there are 75 cars on the street they should know there is a problem.

Manager Politi stated that he will get an article in the paper before the season starts.

Trustee DeJesus suggested a hot line that people can call into.

Manager Politi stated that he will look into that. It will also be on the calendar. He asked if there was a problem with the policy it's the initial notification. He will work with the media and see about a hotline.

Mayor Pearson asked if there was a schedule for cleaning of sidewalks.

The manager and public works supervisor explained the policy and schedule for clearing sidewalks of snow.

Mayor Pearson asked about the procedure for towing.

Manager Politi stated that there is a list and he would like the police to give her the policy.

Trustee Hurd asked where they have seen the Village employees and Village tax money to remove the snow from sidewalks in front of private businesses in certain areas but not other areas and certainly not for private residences.

Manager Politi stated that the Village has given that courtesy to the business district long before he came.

Mr. Edwards stated that dpw doesn't shovel the sidewalks they take the snow off the birm.

#### **Review of Refuse Collection Contract**

Mayor Pearson indicated that the garbage contract is up the end of December. In the contract it states that the contractor shall not commence collection services earlier than 5:30am without written approval from the Village or it will be assessed \$250.00

damages fine per day. She thinks the Village should do something about that if they keep showing up before 5:30am. People have complained about that.

Manager Politi stated that he hasn't completed the Board's request to see how much it would cost for the Village to do the garbage collection.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked if the Village does it in house would it then be part of the tax levy or still a separate fee.

Mr. Dowd stated that unless the Village intends to make themselves responsible for picking up the garbage from everyone including businesses you can't do it by tax.

Mayor Pearson stated that there is concern for the seniors and people who go to Florida during the winter. She also asked if businesses were to have a dumpster in the rear of the business. She is seeing garbage on Main Street being picked up. She doesn't think garbage cans should be on Main Street. She's worried about new apartments coming in and no dumpsters.

Mr. Dowd indicated that the garbage law does not say that you cannot put garbage cans on Main Street. If you put your garbage out to be picked up it has to be in suitable containers at the street line before the garbage pick up. Your property maintenance law says that if you have a dumpster it has to be landscaped or screened or enclosed. It also says that if the site conditions won't allow that you can get a waiver from the Village Manager.

The Village Manager indicated that he is developing the cost for in-house, prepare for private and talk to Middletown.

Trustee Keator stated that people are putting out bulk pick up items with their garbage and she doesn't feel its right for the garbage company to fill their trucks up with bulk items. She thinks these people should be noticed.

The Mayor asked the Manager to find out why the garbage is out in the square and why they don't have space in the back.

## **Review of Request for Senior Citizen Parking Permit**

Manager Politi stated that in the past on Thursdays from 11am -3pm the seniors attend a luncheon and they are asking for something to put on their dash for that one day to waive the parking requirements.

Mayor Pearson asked if they could use the Scout Cabin on Albany Avenue.

Trustee DeJesus moved to waive the parking regulations for the seniors from 11am-3pm on Thursdays from October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Mayor Pearson. All ayes with the exception of Trustee Keator abstaining. Motion carried.

#### **Public Comment-Discussion Items**

Gary Sweeney, 33 Orange Avenue commented on the snow policy which he'd like the Board to reconsider. With a business like his where are people to park. He feels the towing cost and ticket is a little harsh.

Manager Politi indicated that they can park in the municipal lots.

Mr. Sweeney asked about the parking spaces on Grant Street.

Manager Politi advised him that they will be able to get the slots in that they talked about on Grant Street and there will be a local law to do the switch of sides on Hepper Street.

Mr. Sweeney asked that the trucks get another ten feet to turn from Orange Avenue to Grant Street.

Manager Politi stated that DOT requires 30 feet. He can move it down.

Marcus Millspaugh stated that he looked the Col. In the eye tonight and he will check to see whether Bradley Assembly is on the other side of the door. He also stated that the Village should reconsider the whole granite curb issue. They are not good and not being installed in the proper manner. Garbage is something the private sector should take care of. There are tires on Highland Avenue that just sit there. As far as snow removal common sense has to prevail.

#### **Informational Items-Village Manager's Report**

Manager Politi reported the following:

- Registration deadline for Advance Course in Planning and Land Use is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a Rail Trail meeting last week and in terms of the cost he showed comparisons to the Board. The Route 52 sidewalk, \$68,273., 100% State funds. That was an add on at the end of both ends of the project. He received a letter where the State is questioning the cost estimates being put out by this engineering firm for this project. The Rail Trail Committee has to take a hard look at this.
- He put together a letter for the Civil War Memorial in Goshen.
- The MS4 reports are up to date.
- There were a couple of letters and emails that came in regarding the curfew.
- The new well investigation is proceeding. He gave an update to the Board.
- Department Head reports are in the Board's packet.

## Correspondence

Mayor Pearson stated that there is correspondence from Mr. Jacobowitz regarding the Civil War Monument.

#### **Board Comments**

Trustee Midge stated that she asked a couple months ago about doing a work session on streets in the Village that are too narrow. She also stated that Walden Day was great.

Trustee Hurd also stated that Walden Day was great.

Deputy Mayor Matise asked about the bids for the water meter replacement.

Manager Politi stated that the bid that was received is high and they are taking a look at it.

Deputy Mayor Matise stated that the street opening on S. Montgomery Street hasn't been fixed yet. Also, the bulletin boards in the park are not being used effectively. She would also like to see a bulletin board in the lobby area. She further stated that she and Ed Leonard are going to the Land and Use training program.

Trustee Keator stated that someone who lives on Sherman Avenue has asked for a stop sign on Sherman Avenue at the intersection with Union Street. Since Sherman Avenue has been paved it's become a race track.

Deputy Mayor Matise indicated that stop signs should not be used to slow traffic down. There is a whole list of traffic clamors to slow traffic down.

Trustee Keator stated that the Ronk property is a mess again. There is water coming out of the house into the street and there is oil or gas leaking into the street. Nothing has changed since last year. She also asked how many swimmers used the park this year.

Manager Politi stated that if you average it out its 3 a day. The summer program kids use it.

Trustee Keator stated that if it's not being used past the time the camp kids leave then we don't need lifeguards there and use the money someplace else. She also indicated that Walden's birthday party is October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Fire House. Tickets are available.

Trustee DeJesus stated that Walden Day was excellent. He asked about the rehab loan guidelines. He would like them for the second meeting in October. He asked if the Manager talked to Susan regarding the inventory of historical homes. He also asked about the water analysis Mr. Millspaugh brought in.

Manager Politi indicated that he received the water analysis from the engineer today, which he passed out to the Board.

Trustee DeJesus asked about the article in the newspaper regarding emergency preparedness.

Manager Politi stated that the Village of Walden has an emergency response plan, but it's based on 84, if you have a spill and that type of thing. The State is trying to get to the incident command system which is a unified system. The fire department is on board and we are throwing out ours and rewriting it. You will eventually get to NIMS. The first step is to get to the incident command system, so will get ourselves on board. We do have a plan.

Trustee DeJesus asked the manager to contact Maurice Hinchey's office to see if there is any grants that we can benefit from.

Mayor Pearson asked if the Village patches their streets before winter.

Manager Politi indicated that they are patching now.

Mayor Pearson stated that she received a call from someone who lives on the boulevard regarding the condition of the street and sidewalks.

Mayor Pearson further stated that a person across the street from the Catholic School on Bradley Lane came to her about the grass in the rear of the school.

Manager Politi stated that it's not Village property, but we do three strips up Bradley Lane.

Mayor Pearson asked about Jacobs Ridge development.

Mr. Dowd stated that none of the legal documents he requested from Mr. Gutterman have been received.

Mayor Pearson asked about the walls and the stop work order.

Manager Politi stated that is Schoonmaker Homes and there is no reason to have a stop work order. The engineer is looking at the retaining wall.

Mayor Pearson stated that she has a concern about the flowers in the square that are going to die because of no water. It cost \$400.00 for flowers. We need to come up with a system to water the flowers if we're going to plant them.

Mayor Pearson stated that the floors in the municipal building look nice, when are they going to do the rest of them and are they going to do the stairs.

Manager Politi stated that they are trying to schedule them for midnight and they will not be doing the stairs.

Mayor Pearson stated that Mr. Howland had written that Mom'n Tot Program is well attended, can we get numbers on that and the 9-14 After School Program.

Trustee Norman stated that 15 kids attend the After School Program and 10 children attend the Mom'n Tot Program.

#### **Executive Session**

Trustee Keator moved to hold an Executive Session pursuant to 105-(f), personnel, (d), litigation and (h) proposed acquisition of property, of the Public Officers Law. Seconded by Trustee Wynkoop. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Keator moved to reconvene the regular meeting. Seconded by Trustee Norman. All ayes. Meeting reconvened.

Trustee DeJesus moved to approve the agreement with Peter Wolven. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee DeJesus moved to adopt Resolution No. 6-05-06, Authorizing Supporting and Concurring in the Application of Village of Walden Through the Orange County Open Space Protection Program to Purchase Property Located at Section 316, Block 1, and Lot 1. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Matise. All ayes. Resolution adopted,

### Adjournment

Trustee Wynkoop moved to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Keator. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Mitchell Village Clerk