

**Village of Walden
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
February 17, 2026**

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

On roll call the following were:
Present:

Mayor: Becky Pearson
Deputy Mayor Lynn Thompson
Trustees Gerald Mishk
Cheryl Baker
Bill Taylor
Ralph Garrison, Jr

Absent: Liz Kyle

Also Present:

John Revella, Village Manager
John Cappello, Village Attorney

Brenda made a motion to open the public hearing for the comprehensive plan committee meeting, Maryellen second, all ayes.

Resident (Faith Moore): I am going to keep my comments focused on housing. Our population has stabilized after a slight increase we are becoming more diverse we have a growing senior population those are not abstract statistics they directly affect how and what we build moving forward. The plan appropriately emphasizes preserving character and ensuring the new development that new development complements our historic fabric. I strongly support that goal Walden 's charm is one of its greatest assets however as we discussed when character we must have also discuss adaptability the plan identifies the need to provide housing opportunities for households across the range of incomes. Our current zoning tools are aligned to make that possible to allow for enough housing types such as small multifamily buildings duplexes second floor apartments in some cases first floor apartments or accessory building units to truly support young family's seniors and working residents. Given the aging population trend identified in the plan adus are one of the most practical tools available to support aligning in place, aging in place allows seniors to downsize while staying in their neighborhood and give young families more attainable option within existing residential districts possibly such as districts R34 and 5. ADUs can help us evolve responsibly without changing neighborhood character other villages in Orange County, Warwick taking notes on that have incorporated ADUs zoning into their local framework. I am not suggesting specific zoning languages only that as we think about implementing this plan ADUs our housing strategy worth acknowledging to support its broader objectives. Additionally, as we add design standards which are important we must be careful that they do not unintentionally raise development costs to the point where affordability becomes out of reach. The plan also notes that we have limited vacant

land remaining that means our future housing growth will likely come from infill and redevelopment. Do we have a clear strategy for encouraging appropriate density in the right places. Finally, Walden will continue to play a role in absorbing regional housing demand let's approach that responsibly proactively with clear policy alignment between this plan and our zoning code. I hope that housing remains not just about preservation but also about opportunity. Opportunity for seniors through which agent place young families just getting started and for working residents who want to continue building their lives here. While I may not always reside in the village, I am a healthy professional, and our organization owns property and pays taxes too. I care deeply about housing in our community, and I am here as a resource and a partner in that perspective. Thank you.

Resident (Ray Lustig): 128 Ulster Avenue. The Church Street there in the little nook what have you in the zoning of our multifamily commercial something like that what have you obviously jesting that both lots in the village are residential. And as part of the comprehensive plan adjusting the zoning. I request that my building, which is at 10 Church Street and includes 12 and 14 Church Street being included in a residential district. Which would be proper it's a residential building how it got zoned to be what it is I think flip flop back and forth a few times over the years over the decades like might be better terminology however but I believe it's been submitted as part of the plan is to have this little nook put back into the residential world. I'm confirming that it's part of the plan and I appreciate your consideration. I'm just going to add that there is a significant amount of implicit bias. Because the village has a minimum zoning of which is 900 feet is the minimum per apartment. There are houses that are less than 900 square feet. So, if the minimum apartment is 900 square feet, you are excluding a world of people that would look very happy in a 600-foot apartment a 700-foot apartment and 800-foot apartment can easily accommodate, but no the village has a law that the minimum size apartment is as you said 900 square foot. I suggest it could be challenged. Landlords don't have the money to challenge that. I believe I will win; I believe that you know a good real estate lawyer would prevail. This is almost unconscionable that you have houses that do not meet. Not that are less than 900 square feet, but we require legitimate apartments that have to be constructed more than 900 feet and until that was changed I don't see any sort of movement towards trying to accommodate lower income houses because it's under paradox rate no I want to thank you for your consideration and it's no you know doesn't really bother me I'm just stating a fact.

Manager Revella: To follow up, the comprehensive plan committee does recommend that the plan look at zoning for conformity so that's something we'll be looking at.

Attorney Cappello: A comprehensive plan needs to set the standards, if it's not in comprehensive planning can't have zoning it contradicts it so on some of these cells with issues that the committee believes they haven't looked at it or it warrants more looking it should be because if they're important issues that are raised you're looking at your goals this is the area of the template for the village to grow and prosper and provide opportunities for all to live here and also opportunities to make your businesses thrive. Bill empty storefronts so it should be a blueprint to attract the type of

development that you want to do not just micro look at certain issues or just do minor updates it's a real vision. How is the village growing and do you vision that you would like to see it grow and then what can you do to implement it and encourage that. I just wouldn't consider the board and committee to look at that to identify those issues, and I do apologize because you know I'm saying some of this not only as an attorney practice and land use for 35 years and work but as someone who's owned a home and living in the village for the last 27 years and owns a business in the village for the last 25 to 30 years.

Resident (Michael McNamee): 86 Ulster Avenue. Good evening, I'm here for you today to ask first and foremost to put the brakes on this plan and open your meetings to the public. I know some will say that all your meetings have been open to the public but just because the door is unlocked does not mean the meeting is open since this war started it's work in February 2024 not a single meeting has been announced, not a single set of minutes recorded. Even after I fought those meeting dates and minutes and conversations with the mayor, I asked the board of trustees at a December meeting and yet still no meetings have been published no meetings have been announced until this public hearing tonight. One of your members had to ask the board of trustees to publicize your meeting at the November 18th trustees meeting and again still everything needed, thank you Maryellen for acknowledging that. I truly believe that **inaudible** the public is the easiest, cleanest way to move forward without wasting more time going the steps for comprehensive plan are straightforward as far as laws in the state of New York government. Phillips law chapter 64 Section 7 subsection 722 this will authorize it authorizes them that's cited even on page 2 of this plan. They specifically call out that they voluntary comprehensive plan should be prepared or amended that it should be done so by the board of trustees or if they choose to pass all the responsibility they can pass the resolution to sign on to the planning board or to a special board this is the first daily step in this process has no resolution is created. Creating a special board therefore only allows board of trustees themselves to take up the matter. Although New York State generally only hands out her slaps both meeting violations such as yours, this law specifically calls out multiple times the requirement for citizen participation in an open planning process. The last comment I will make on the procedural steps is the lack of resource availability to the public to come here tonight and comment the loan plan document sits hidden 4 clicks into the village website on the manager's page something you wouldn't know unless you listen to technics every trustees meeting and even then document is not going to plan to adopt there are no updated maps there are no appendices the federal zoning and use tables discussed previously are not attached. I am however realistic and all too well that Newton 's first law of motion applies to government projects as well this object as well in motion and I'm sure it will continue the motion so I'm prepared to statement on the plans proposed today. I'm not sure what time I'll get we'll start with but I believe to be the most important component of the comprehensive plan here. In. New York, that's the zoning regulations, the village of Walden as the government the 171 years old but as the plan community the furthest back I can find the plan development laid out you know that 1822 laid out a downtown tree street where we're standing today. The village was allowed to grow organically with the number of neighborhoods popping up throughout the village commands led the village to roll into being significantly more

populous than the unincorporated town and the older villages were covering up Main Street flourished an industry that would drive these demands to settle along the riverbanks and rail beds. There was no zoning that's attached to that, just what made sense economically will let our beautiful village as it is here today it's what's cited as historic and something that we should preserve even in this comprehensive plan. Maybe during this time many of these homes that were built one- and two-family homes built on tight lots most remain today and almost all members of the comprehensive. Planning committee live in what one of these older what I call older homes and every single member sitting in the dice today lives in global home whose parameter today she's the only one that I would say it's not. These houses are not just built close together to get the most out of the land to get the most out of all the services most lots are 50 feet wide and the streets between them about 20 feet wide sometimes wider with parking on both sides is expected this limited the amount of bikes in the street and paving to be maintained driveways are lined up between the homes and if you had a garage it was on the rear of the house. Fast forward to 1968 with the village adopted its first zoning ordinance and you'll see that there are no more old wooden homes built these older homes cannot legally be built today new development senses required. New developments have been required to put more than twice the amount of pipes in the street and pavements to be maintained by the village by expanding the lock requirements I personally grew up in a whole house on Bergen avenue it was designed and built as a duplex the family other side of the wall depended on our rent to pay their mortgage. If this house not legally be built today the lot requirements say no the setbacks say no and the biggest criminal goal is the audacity to be complex despite hundreds of design duplexes being occupied throughout the village today, they can no longer be built anywhere in any of the residential zones. After every church service I think most precious blood and I reminded how the village is over restricted Big Brother not in my backyard zoning affects everyday people gentleman whose family owned and operated and lived in a 3 family house across the street in the church burned on Easter morning years ago I had a nice scar on my wrist and the stitches to remember that fire this community has a much larger scar to look at every time they drive by because the village says he can't rebuild what had been there it doesn't matter that it fits in perfectly with the neighborhood as it did for 100 years it's single family or nothing now. Similarly, across the street from my home is an empty lot for sale sign as it has on and off for a number of years I don't blame anyone for not wanting to buy it you pay an entire year 's taxes on it before you have to cut through all the red tape of variances and planning, if you can get to them to build the house that fits into the neighborhood that's a bad investment. So, it's open and vacant, there are several residential zoning issues I think should be looked at and or adjusted or eliminated hopefully we can have that discussion later and bring half the village back into conformity with the laws. I counted 33 homes printed in this plan here today my house appears twice and the home I first purchased on railroad avenue appears once they are they are of the 27 of 33 homes that are in your own comprehensive plan that are illegal and non-conforming to the current zoning good enough to be printed but not good enough to be built. So again, I think this is an absolute atrocity the last thing I have on residential zoning is that this plan blocks the village from millions in state funding opportunities. The board of trustees just a few meetings ago we're discussing

how they were building a grant application for New York forward those are wasted efforts to this grant and many others like it as they now require the municipality to be a certified pro housing community and these are stricter zoning requirements prevent that making this plan is not just spending 10s of thousands of dollars on consultants just to keep the status quo of risking much larger opportunities. As far as commercial industrial mixed-use zoning I think this need complete overhaul as well, specifically on the authorized uses. You can build a bar in 4 of the 7 commercial or industrial zones in the village but you can't build the gym in any of them. Daycare is a hot topic and one of the few things both sides of the aisle with Albany can agree on but not in Walden at least in all 7 of those illegal zones churches schools public private elementary or college fire stations police stations libraries museums theaters laundromats all illegal uses in all 7 of those zones in the village. Why is this, someone can say well there's special exceptions to me that doesn't come out that's just more bureaucratic red tape that costs more money time and more money to fight for why would business want to fight to spend on an unknown when there are communities right outside our limits that are willing to accept them with open arms. Next, I'll touch on an issue that I mentioned to the board of trustees previously annexation and we'll have perfection to me these 2 items are perfect pair. Every plan since the one adopted in 2012 has made wellhead protection short term which means within 2 years priority yet 14 years later they're still apparently sitting on our hands talking in circles from town to me this plan should recognize and prioritize annexation annexing the large undeveloped tracts of land adjacent to the village and the village wells where the aquifers are. But if we were to include cemetery property many of these parcels become contiguous with the village and eligible annexation including the villages owned property at well number 4 on 52. Although there are many other areas I think should be touched on I don't want to draw on here tonight I'll leave that for your first public meeting if you choose to have one I will leave you however one last recommendation that the plan acknowledges the lack of action of the board of trustees and recommend a plan for the board to review and report on progress to the implementation the recommendations if history is told something and said the village has spent 10s of thousands of dollars on these comprehensive plans to do a little more than making minor zoning adjustments and throw it on a shelf to collect up the next 5 years that is evident that nearly every single plan recommendation has sat unaddressed since the 2012 and 2019 plans were adopted dark sky well head protection sidewalks the list goes on and off but for 24 years all we've done was lip service.

Resident: (Michelle Gray) from South Montgomery Street in Walden and I'm selling Walton I'm going to jump around a little bit. Jail system is being expanded in counties, currently doing that in Goshen I think would help the village to have that interconnect with that area. I do like the plan where there is say the say the upgrade the surface crosswalks for the safety of pedestrians. The only thing I would like to add about that is I don't see anything in the plan about the current speeding issues that are going on and that's throughout the entire village. What I would like to see is the village to incorporate solar powered radar speed signs for the safety of the residents when you're walking. A lot of people I know when I took it to the local police force they say people come through and you pull over and also they're like oh I didn't realize I was speeding but hopefully having those lights and you see them now in other

municipalities it might just make them stop and think oh I guess so that you know give them that extra benefit to help ensure the safety on roadways. Yeah, and then and with the park programs I would like to see if possibly a dog park in the village. And then I want to go over the water resources, and the plan states that the Wallkill River is classified as a class B stream the DEC meaning is suitable for swimming and other primary contact. However, this is incorrectly stated the waterway is Class B but it's called impair and this impairment goes for a fishing secondary contact or regional primary. And it's basically because of the contamination.

Attorney Cappello: So, the next step would be for the committee to determine whether you want to keep the hearing open whether you want to consider these plans or what you will do before recommending the comp plan because you were required to have this hearing. The board would have to take a vote and consider this and amend it but due to process you have had a public hearing so you can consider meeting again. Eventually you will have to take a recommendation to this and once this board has that comp plan the board will have to conduct seeker hold the hearing you know a separate hearing revise it as a board but you know these were legitimate comments I would add one comment if your climate smart community to consider recommending the removal of what I believe is an illegal condition that there's no solar on any toxin your commercial district.

Maryellen made a motion to leave the public hearing open for the comprehension plan committee meeting. Mayor Pearson seconds. All ayes, motion carried.

Stand for pledge.

Village Manager Report:

- Met with the village engineer and the building inspector we went over applications for code enforcer and fire inspector, the new fire inspector will start March 2nd, went over permits.
- Met with part-time candidates for the police department we have two more coming on board, sent out canvass letters for full time officers.
- Went over some billing issues with the finance department.
- Covered DPW for time off requests.
- Went over PBA negotiations with the Mayor, Trustee Mishk, and the Chief.
- Met with the finance department about the transition for the new treasurer who starts on the 23rd.
- Correspondence with the EFC and DEC.
- Pricing for a new furnace in the village hall.
- Went over a few things with the village attorney on litigation with property purchase things.
- Went over budget prep with a few of the departments.
- Had a meeting with the Buddhist temple while they're fixing the damage from the fire.
- Went over grants with the town grant writer.
- Meeting with the Mayor to go over updates and items.
- Went over the status of work with the financial consultant.

- Went over payroll and election coverage with the deputy clerk.
- The Rec department, the teen center is in full swing and pickleball is going 8 sessions a week. The community center has a lot of programs going on.
- Building department is going over permits, property maintenance issues and CO reports.
- The clerk has been communicating from home while she is away, helping update Facebook and website
- Finance working on bank recs, billing, accounts receivables, Edmund's programming, updating retirement and NY class.
- Public works had an issue with the sewer jet. The water department replaced 3 new meters, 21-mark outs, and will keep updating as the weather improves, the whole DPW has been responding to frozen pipes, and water breaks. DPW also clearing up snow.
- Police department is still working on staffing. 360 blotters, 2 arrests, 49 traffic stops with 32 tickets, and 9 MVAs.

Trustee Taylor made a motion to accept the resignation of our treasurer Jean Degon. Deputy Mayor Thompson seconds. All ayes, motion carried.

Deputy Mayor Thompson made a motion to accept January 28, 2026, special meeting minutes. Trustee Taylor seconds. 4 ayes Trustee baker abstained. Motion carried.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to accept February 3, 2026, minutes. Trustee Taylor seconds. 3 ayes Trustee Garrison and Deputy Mayor Thompson abstained. Motion not carried.

Trustee Baker made a motion to accept the payment of audited bills except for the pending attorney bill. Deputy Mayor Thompson seconds. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Resident: New York State fire hydrant section 507 states It is the property owner's responsibility to clear the fire hydrants, the code enforcement officer and building inspector can enforce that today. Snow removal section 200 of the parks has not been cleared and if they are open 365 days a year I suggest cleaning them.

Resident: I spoke with Brian Maher, and he said he has some information on the veteran tax exemption that I can share with you guys I'm just waiting to hear from him.
Park Use Request:

Manager Revella: For St. Baldrick's there was a request for a fee waiver. That is a slippery slope to go down and it's something I'm not permitted to do.

Mayor Pearson: Have we done this before?

Manager Revella: We have before, for example, Valley Central Schools let us use their facilities at no cost, so we let them use ours at no cost. But the PTA had to pay the fee because technically they are an organization.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: I can see where this can get tricky. I personally don't want to charge a nonprofit, but if we do for one do we have to do for all?

Attorney Cappello: You can't discriminate.

Trustee Taylor: Once you start how do you pick, how do you delineate who we consider nonprofit. I think we need more discussion on that.

Trustee Garrison: I would never want to take from a nonprofit. Can we maybe cut the fee in half?

Deputy Mayor Thompson: That's still a lot of money for someone trying to raise money. We also must give this organization time if we turn them down to book another facility.

Trustee Mishk: I'm just curious why they're not using the firehouse like they usually do. Well, speaking from the head of a nonprofit we paid 600 something dollars to rent the hall to throw our pastor a birthday party, there was no profits made on that, were a nonprofit organization. I just have to say if we give it to them, I will be in line the next time we have something.

Trustee Baker: I understand their comments I'll reach out to Kristie and donate for their fundraiser.

Mayor Pearson: I'll help with that too. But we need to put it on the agenda. I think we should really talk about this as a board.

Trustee Garrison: I will too.

CDBG:

Deputy Mayor Thompson: What happened with Gladstone?

Manager Revella: They were denied. They need this approved so they can move forward. Once they have this and it's complete, they can move to contract. This resolution must be in now. We still must approve this to get the money.

Trustee Mishk made a motion to accept the resolution for the CDBG. Trustee Garrison seconds. All ayes, motion carried.

Rehab Loans:

Mayor Pearson: When someone sets up a rehab loan, is it the same as you would if you went through the bank? If they take out a loan, do they have to pay that back when they sell the house?

Manager Revella: Yes, it's the same, and yes, it goes on as a lien and is recorded with the county. The property also must be in the Village. We always do a credit report check. I have only done 2 so far in 2026, we usually get like 5 or 6 a year.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: Is there a way the board can get updates or reports on this, I know there must be a limit because we don't want to exhaust all the funds. It would be helpful if the board knew where were going with this every year.

Trustee Garrison: I just want to let everyone know that there are fees involved for the initial process, it's not that you can come in here and fill out a paper and get money. Just so everyone knows, there are quite a bit of fees involved in getting started.

Manager Revella: They are much less than a bank, but they are there.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: Do we need to make a motion?

Manager Revella: No, you can just make a directive.

Veterans Tax Exemption: No motion in place.

Fire Hydrant Clearing Discussion:

Mayor Pearson: I know the sidewalks are in there, we might have to put them between the sidewalks and the road.

Trustee Baker: How do you determine who is responsible for cleaning it?

Manager Revella: Town of Saugerties has something where both properties are responsible within 12 hours.

Trustee Taylor: There are people that probably have one and don't know it's their responsibility. So, if you are listening today and you have one sitting on your property you are required to clear it.

Mayor Pearson: We can add that into our village code, so the homeowners know they must do that. It doesn't have to be a lot it can be something basic.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: Do we want to add a time limit?

Attorney Cappello: 12 hours might be too short because sometimes the snow doesn't stop, I would recommend 24 hours.

Trustee Garrison: If this is a NYS mandate law, are we able to adopt it into the village code?

Attorney Cappello: You're just being stricter with your streets and sidewalks law.

Mayor Pearson: Anything else from the board? No okay, moving onto fee schedule. Fee Schedule:

Manager Revella: The building inspector had some questions on permitting.

Kathy Stegenga: Hi, I'm Kathy the new building inspector. I would like to do some more research on the fee schedule so I can understand it a bit better. Some of these fees do need to be changed, but that is something you can do, and I will give you my opinion on it. I'll try to get a report together on what my recommendation is. I do have an email in with Edmunds to see if we can fix some of the permits and I'm not sure if that is an easy fix or if it is at the back end. We closed the office Thursday and Friday. So, I apologize to anyone else, but it was imperative, because it's just a mess.

Mayor Pearson: Usually, we do the fee schedule in April, so we will work on that. Code Review 193 Outdoor Furnaces: No questions, no comments.

Chapter 200 Parks and Recreation:

Mayor Pearson: In where it lists the parks, I think it should go back to Olly instead of Wonderling. And Midge Norman Park is Alfred Place Park? We were looking at the park use forms, did we ever change that?

Manager Revella: Yes, it is. And yes, we changed it.

Trustee Garrison: On 200-6 smoking prohibited it only states tobacco products. Should we include THC and vape pens?

All agreed it should be added into the code.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: What our residents said about park maintenance, does that have to be here if we are going to change park hours?

Manager Revella: Park use and hours of operation have always been that way because you can use the park when there's snow in it by playing in the snow. You don't have to remove the snow to be able to use the park if you want to use it for skiing, sledding, snow forts, whatever you want to do you can still use the park for that purpose.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: I only ask because I got an email from a resident saying the skate park has not been cleaned since the big snowstorm, so they asked if the village does that, so I said I would inquire.

Manager Revella: The village does it, they will do it tomorrow morning. Make sure to change the names, the Waterfront Park Mickey Millspaugh. Also, Mckinley that's not on there either. We have 10 parks.

Peddling and Soliciting:

Mayor Pearson: I just have a question on religious groups, that was 205-2 registration. I just wasn't sure if religious groups had to do the same thing. Do they have to have the registration to do that.

Manager Revella: I don't know if we have ever made a religious group do that.

Mayor Pearson: Okay so we just exclude them or just don't put them in there.

Attorney Cappello: If they're going door to door them, I don't know why you would exclude them. But I will check.

Public Comment:

Resident: For the loans you don't require real estate appraisals, you just go with the assessed value?

Manager Revella: Usually, the building inspector confirms the condition as well when they go through and do the write-up.

Mary Ellen: I just want to pass on an observation, DPW is clearing storm drains. They couldn't find the storm drain in the corner, so maybe you want to think about putting flags in because when they plowed, they put it in the corner so they couldn't find it, maybe going forward you can address that.

Manager Revella: They are in the process of putting gps in for all basins.

Resident: I got my landlord registry, and they asked for information on the owner or operator and they must be a resident in orange county, which I find that to be unfair.

Building Inspector: The reason for that is because if someone owns property and can't be at that property for a certain amount of time then you need someone who can contact that can be there. And if you do live outside of orange county, we would require a secondary person that we can contact.

Attorney Cappello: It should be worded a 15-mile radius not orange county.

Mayor Pearson: We really put that in there because you have absentee landlords and nobody can get a hold of them there is a frozen pipe and no one can help.

Correspondence:

Mayor Pearson: I got an email about night sky.

Attorney Cappello: I think we should take all of that and take the comments from public hearing and do one set of revisions.

Mayor Pearson: I got an email from Megan at Brian Maher's about the signs, working on them soon. Diane Savage wrote about the skate park if we can reach out to her and thank her. And there is one from Capron Street, I'm not going to read that one, but John, please take care of that. That's all.

Miscellaneous Comments from the Board:

Trustee Taylor: DPW we had a horrific storm, and I think they have done a remarkable job. It's a difficult process and I'm sure they didn't get home during the storm.

Trustee Garrison: To follow on Bill DPW and parks and rec, great job and can't thank you enough. Also, as you know we have an election coming up for the board of trustee seats some of these candidates may not make the ballot due to paperwork issues, there are very strong candidates, consider all of your options when you vote not just the names you see but write ins are an option, I won on a write in so it is doable, just keep your options open.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: John, I asked if we were going to have something in writing about updating the audio-visual IT equipment, and if we can have some type of troubleshooting because there is always an issue, I say that because there is going to be a presentation here on February 24 at 6:30 pm. Have we heard anything about the Hill Street bridge?

Manager Revella: No, the last thing I gave them, the grant opportunity from bridge New York to the town to apply, they have not applied as far as I know.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: So, what do we do about that?

Manager Revella: Keep asking them.

Deputy Mayor Thompson: Keep asking them or talk to our lawyer again. Are you allowed to tell us anything on 75 Maple Street? There is still a lot of junk around that property.

Manager Revella: I just don't know what progress the attorney had with the cleanup part, but I do know the parties are actively trying to resell it.

Trustee Mishk: I just want to make a quick statement. In a small village like this a lot of people are friendly and they talk, and rumors get started, I want to clarify I am not looking to get the job of village manager, it's not in my per view, I'm not qualified for it, and also I'm retired and I plan on staying that way. I've heard that 3 times over the last 3 weeks and it's getting a little tiresome.

Mayor Pearson: Ralph, how do you know about election stuff already?

Trustee Garrison: It's a small town and people talk. All I'm saying is to keep your options open and look for the best candidate that's best for you. I'm not telling you who to vote for.

Manager Revella: I can say publicly that candidates were notified if there were any issues earlier today. So maybe candidates spoke about it but I'm not sure. The board of elections notified candidates of any issues.

Deputy Mayor Thompson made a motion to enter executive session for attorney client, an update on potential property purchase, personnel history and employment history of a particular person. Trustee Mishk Seconds. All ayes, motion carried.