

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, May 12, 2014 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Gallelli
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Davis
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Levitt
Village Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Slippen

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:00pm; everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the following Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Vouchers. The motion was seconded by Trustee Slippen and approved with a vote of 4-0 (Trustee Levitt not in attendance at the time of this vote).

General Fund	\$204,051.32
Water Fund	29,321.91
Sewer Fund	12,591.48
Capital Fund	36,131.50
Trust Fund	9,596.14
Debt Fund	750.00
Total	\$283,442.35

3. PRESENTATION:

Janet Mainiero gave an update on the 9-11 Memorial. Ms. Mainiero advised that they are getting ready to start Phase II which consists of installing the remembrance garden, the dedication plaque and placing of the statue. Ms. Mainiero advised that the masonry work will begin in early June and will consist of pavers and foundations for the dedication plaque and statue; the Department of Public Works has ordered two benches; the garden designed by Jan Johnson of Croton and landscaping will consist of various plants. Ms. Mainiero advised that the statue is in various stages of production and is expected to be delivered to the site the end of June and then be secured to a one-hundred pound concrete bed. Ms. Mainiero advised that she and Dan

O'Connor have met with the Open Space Conservancy this past Friday to go over the next phase; the Open Space Conservancy was very pleased with the project and we expect to receive a letter of approval from them shortly. Ms. Mainiero advised that the manufacturer of the statue recommends that it be cleaned every six months and DPW staff will be trained on how to clean and apply protective waxing at a cost of \$750.00 which will be paid through the Foundation's funds. Ms. Mainiero advised that the Foundation will need to draft a resolution transferring ownership from the Foundation to the municipalities with the official transfer date set for December 31, 2014; the memorial will be officially dedicated on September 11, 2014. Ms. Mainiero advised that Phase II costs are in the range of \$52,000 to \$55,000.

Mayor Wiegman stated that there has been a lot of fundraising devoted to this project and the Foundation has been able to fund almost all of the costs of finishing the Memorial. Mayor Wiegman advised that medallions are still available for purchase and encouraged anyone interested to go to the Foundation's web-site for more information.

Trustee Gallelli thanked Ms. Mainiero for a terrific job heading up this project.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing to consider the Special Permit Application to operate a convenience store at 205 S. Riverside Avenue currently known as Dom's.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that this Public Hearing is based on Chapter 230 of the Village Code. Mr. Zambrano advised that the Special Permit was referred to the Planning Board in accordance with Village Code Section 239-58, the Planning Board has reviewed the application and recommends that the Board of Trustees issue a Special Permit to operate a convenience store at 205 S. Riverside Avenue subject to conditions in their memo to the Village Board dated April 15, 2014.

Ron Wegner, Cronin Engineering and Peter Schuyler appeared before the Board on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Wegner advised that this Public Hearing is for the purpose of approving the Special Permit Application for a change of use to allow a convenience store at this location. Mr. Wegner stated that some of the conditions in the resolution are issues that will be discussed in much greater detail at the Planning Board level and suggested that the resolution from the Board be to either approve or reject the Special Permit Application. Mr. Wegner advised that this project involves the redevelopment of Dom's Service Station located at 205 S. Riverside Avenue

and to renovate the site and take away the service aspect of the business; the site for the most part will remain as it is; they plan to install a sidewalk along Riverside Avenue and a crosswalk on Maple Street that would provide greater pedestrian access; the plan is to use the existing building in the same location; provide landscaping and use the site essentially as it is from an architectural design standpoint. Mr. Wegner gave an overview of the plans being shown this evening; the plans have been revised based upon recommendations from the Planning Board and they will be submitting them to the Planning Board for their consideration.

Trustee Gallelli stated that the proposed resolution is how the Planning Board communicates their recommendations to the Village Board; if they view the submission favorably, which they have done, they send us a letter to that point but the Planning Board can also include things that they feel need further consideration. Trustee Gallelli stated that when the Board concurs with the Planning Board or chooses not to concur or add more recommendations it is included in the Board's resolution. Trustee Gallelli stated that in this particular situation numbers one through six are subject to further consideration by outside approvals such as the Department of Transportation and subject to future discussion with the Planning Board and this is the normal way that the Board precedes with Special Permits.

Peter Schuyler asked if it is possible to say that the Village Board recommends that the Planning Board consider some of these factors because ultimately we are delegating to them the responsibility of coming up with this plan; the Planning Board during its comprehensive review may change their recommendations as to how these goals are accomplished and ultimately the Planning Board's final approval will consider all these factors.

Trustee Levitt stated that the way he reads this resolution is that if the Department of Transportation does not approve the crosswalk the project is done and the Special Permit is not happening and does not know if we want to see that happen.

Mayor Wiegman stated that the point that Trustee Levitt made is a good one but thinks that it can be resolved by altering the resolution to read as follows: "Now therefore be it resolved that the Village Board hereby approves the Special Permit application to operate a convenience store located at 205 S. Riverside Avenue subject to; add the following "*the Planning Board's consideration during site-plan review of the following potential conditions*".

Trustee Gallelli stated that she does not believe that the Board wants to see the project doomed if the Department of Transportation does not go along with a lot of these things. Trustee Gallelli also addressed item number seven and stated that it is her personal opinion that we do not need another digitized sign at that intersection. Trustee Gallelli stated that whether or not a digital sign could actually be put there would actually need some further approvals.

Mayor Wiegman stated that the Village does have a mobile sign that we do occasionally move to that location which may be the pre-cursor for this particular potential condition.

Mayor Wiegman stated that the addition of a sidewalk for pedestrians is very positive and is confident that we will get the thumbs up from the New York State Department of Transportation. Mayor Wiegman added that creating a safe way for pedestrians to cross is a good thing.

Trustee Gallelli stated that the renderings show that on the left side of the building they are proposing windows and asked if it will be looking out onto the Croton Commons.

Peter Schuyler stated that they are not real windows; they are Architectural details; this area is a storage area and not intended to be able to look in or out but rather to look more like a residential structure and less commercial.

Mayor Wiegman asked if the U-Haul Rental Service will continue to be located there.

Mr. Schuyler responded by saying yes.

Trustee Levitt asked if the air-pump will be located there as well.

Mr. Schuyler stated that the air-pump is a separate compressor that is located inside the facility and does not know if they intend to keep it.

Frederick Turner, 35 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, suggested that they run this application by the Police Chief; some municipalities require clear line of site of the cash register and they should get the Police Chief's opinion if he is comfortable with policing a facility that has such as limited line of site to the cash register.

Mayor Wiegman commented that this was a good point.

There being no further comments to come before the Board, a motion to close a Public Hearing to consider the Special Permit Application to operate a convenience store located at 205 S. Riverside Avenue known as Dom's was made by Trustee Slippen and seconded by Trustee Davis, motion approved with a 5-0 vote.

On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, Rey Mussa has applied for a special permit to operate a convenience store located at 205 S. Riverside Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been referred to the Planning Board for its recommendation and review; and

WHEREAS, in its April 15, 2014 memo to the Village Board of Trustees, the Planning Board has recommended issuing a special permit to operate a convenience store subject to certain considerations,

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held and closed on May 12, 2014;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves the special permit application to operate a convenience store located at 205 S. Riverside Avenue subject to the Planning Board's consideration during site plan review of the following potential improvements and conditions:

- 1) That the applicant explore possibilities for pedestrian circulation between the Croton Commons Shopping Center and Dom's subject to approval of the adjacent property owner and the Planning Board.
- 2) That cross walks on Maple Street at the northeast and southeast corners of the property be installed subject to the Department of Transportation approval.
- 3) That a sidewalk on South Riverside Avenue be installed subject to Department of Transportation approval. It is noted that a portion of the proposed sidewalk on South Riverside Avenue does not abut 205 South Riverside Avenue and its installation may be the responsibility of others.

- 4) That employee parking be on South Riverside Avenue to have more onsite parking available to customers.
- 5) That the applicant provide landscaping and improve the general appearance of the intersection of Maple Street and South Riverside Avenue and other landscaping onsite and in the Right of Way subject to Department of Transportation approval.
- 6) That that the applicant relocate the last section of curb on Maple Street to align with the uphill curb locations subject to NYSDOT approval.
- 7) That the applicant explore the possibility of a (digital) community sign at the intersection, subject to Department of Transportation approval.
- 8) That a report and test results on the decontamination and the building should be submitted to the Village Engineer prior to any building permit being issued for the conversion to a retail store.
- 9) That the applicant's plans be reviewed by the Croton Police Department for the purpose of security and an adequate line of sight from outside the building to the cash register area of the building.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Mark Duncan, Recreation Supervisor, dated May 1, 2014 inviting the Board to participate in the 24th Annual Summerfest on Sunday, June 1st.

Motion made by Trustee Slippen and seconded by Trustee Levitt authorizing the Village Manager to make the necessary arrangements for the Annual Summerfest festivities, with a 4-0 vote (Trustee Davis not present at the time of this vote).

- b. Letter from Patrick Calcutti, Chairman; Croton Central Veteran's Committee dated April 23, 2014 inviting the Board to the 2014 Memorial Day Service to be held on Monday, May 26, 2014 at 11:00am.

c. Letter from Valerie Leis, Croton Council on the Arts dated April 25, 2014 requesting permission to use Senasqua Park for their "Outdoor Arts Festival" to be held on September 14th (rain date September 21st).

Trustee Gallelli suggested that someone check to make sure that the Pavilion has not already been rented out for that date.

Motion made by Trustee Gallelli and seconded by Trustee Slippen authorizing the Village Manager to work out the details with the Croton Council of the Arts for their "Outdoor Arts Festival", with a vote of 5-0.

6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION-AGENDA ITEMS

Frederick Turner, 35 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson, referred to a resolution regarding a Local Law with respect to fencing and suggested that the Board consider requiring an option for a gate; this would enable neighbors getting together and communicating and then neighbors would have the option of closing the gate or keeping it open.

7. RESOLUTIONS:

a. On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, seconded by TRUSTEE DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is considering certain amendments to the Village's zoning code regarding fences, retaining walls, and accessory buildings; and

WHEREAS, these amendments have been discussed by the Village Board of Trustees the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Advisory Board on the Visual Environment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney has drafted a local law which has been revised by the Zoning Board of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, this local law has been discussed in a work session on April 28, 2014,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees hereby refers Introductory Local Law No. 2 of 2014 to the Planning Board for its recommendation and review.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees requests a report back from the Planning Board no later than June 18, 2014

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Wiegman stated that the option of a gate is a sensible one and will ask the Planning Board to consider that. Mayor Wiegman advised that the Planning Board has faced a number of situations where our Code is somewhat ambiguous in terms of interpreting the setbacks for fences and we have a number of fences that have been erected that are close to a sidewalk or that are quite tall and have become more of a visual barrier and the intention is to have height limitations on fences to avoid the canyon type affect and to create some awareness of the set-back from the sidewalk so that there is enough public space.

Trustee Gallelli stated that what we are considering was largely developed by the Zoning Board and the Visual Environment Board who have concerns about the visual effects of fences and believes that this will be a very active and collaborative participation of not just the Village Board but the Planning Board, Zoning Board and the Visual Environment Board as well.

Mrs. Chesnard of Farrington Road, Croton on Hudson, stated that you take your life in your hands trying to cross Penfield Avenue at the corner of Benedict Blvd because of the tree barrier because you cannot see cars coming.

Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson, said that they have a neighbor that just recently put up a fence because they are concerned about dogs in their neighborhood and suggested that the fencing and distance between gates be short so that people can get in and out.

Trustee Gallelli advised that she will be attending tomorrow evening meeting and will pass this on to them.

b. On motion of TRUSTEE DAVIS, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, Blackboard Connect, formerly known as Connect CTY provides a communications outreach program to Village residents and train station parking permit holders; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement terms between Blackboard Connect and the Village is due to expire on May 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the subsequent terms will begin June 1, 2014 and end on May 31, 2015 at an annual cost of \$6,300

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to approve the renewal contract terms with Blackboard Connect CTY for integrated communications to our residents and permit holders at a cost of \$6,300.

c. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE SLIPPEN, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, on May 2, 2011, the Village Board authorized the Village Manager to award the engineering services for the Farrington Road and Hunter Place CDBG project to John Meyer Consulting of Armonk, NY in the amount of not to exceed \$49,000.00; and

WHEREAS, additional work authorization #9 has been issued for the revision and resubmission of plans and specifications to Westchester County Department of Health to obtain final approval; and

WHEREAS, the additional work authorization total is \$9,079.36;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to sign Work Authorization # 9 provided by John Meyer Consulting of Armonk, NY in the amount of \$9,079.36 for additional services to the Farrington Road and Hunter Place Water and Infrastructure Improvement Project.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount shall be charged to Capital Account #H8660 2106 09183.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli advised that the Village had been awarded \$200,000 in CDBG money but has never received it; the Village is now absorbing the entire costs for this project.

Mayor Wiegman stated that the County Health Department had been dragging their feet which have caused the Village to have to spend more on engineering costs than we had anticipated to finish the project.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that just last week they did get the final approval from the Board of Health and we are putting the bid packages together and anticipate getting the bids back sometime in late June; awarding it in July with the work to be thirty days after that.

d. On motion of TRUSTEE DAVIS, seconded by TRUSTEE LEVITT, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, the Volunteer Fire Department Service Award Program was approved by referendum in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law requires that the list of members of the Fire Department indicating those who earned a year of service credit during the calendar year, those that did not earn a year of credit, and those who waived participation must be certified under oath by the Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, once certified, this list must be approved by the Village Board and then posted for 30 days; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees approved the list on February 18, 2014

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign the 2014 Sponsor Authorization Form.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Wiegman stated that this is an annual process where the Fire Department verifies service credits for their members and then sends that information to the Village Board. Mayor Wiegman advised that approximately one-hundred and twenty-five members have logged in hours in the past year out of one-hundred forty members; Mayor Wiegman stated that we have a very high participation rate.

e. On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE SLIPPEN, the following resolution was adopted unanimously as amended by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York; with a 5-0 vote.

WHEREAS, Black Rock Dam and the Water Supply Dam were damaged during Hurricane Irene; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received funding from FEMA to assist with the repairs of both Dams and additional funding for mitigation to reduce future damage to the Black Rock Dam; and

WHEREAS, CHA located in Albany, NY has submitted two proposals for the design, permitting and construction support for the repairs and mitigation work as follows:

Repair/Mitigation of Black Rock Dam	\$45,000.0
Repair/Mitigation of Water Supply Dam	\$39,500.00; and

WHEREAS, CHA has successfully worked with the Village on repairs for the Silver Lake Dam; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has reviewed the proposals and recommends awarding the proposal to CHA of Albany, NY in the total amount of \$84,500.00 for the design, permitting and construction support for the repairs and mitigation work to the Black Rock and Water Supply Dams,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to sign the proposals from CHA of Albany, NY in the total amount of \$84,500 for the design, permitting and construction support for repairs and mitigation work to the Black Rock and Water Supply Dams.

DISCUSSION:

Trustee Gallelli stated that FEMA was willing to fix the initial damage from Hurricane Irene but it took extensive discussions with FEMA by our Village Engineer and our Village Manager to get them to support the mitigation against future storm damage; this was quite an extended effort and not something that FEMA always does.

f. On motion of TRUSTEE LEVITT, seconded by TRUSTEE DAVIS, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, the design work for the Harmon and Wolf/Cook Water Main Replacement, Cement Lining and Extension Project has been completed and the project went out to bid; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2014, 2 bids were received for the Harmon and Wolf/Cook Water Main Replacement, Cement Lining and Extension Project; and

WHEREAS, the two bidders were J. Fletcher Creamer and Sons, Inc, at a base bid of \$7,883,427.50 with additional alternates of \$271,320 and Heitkamp, Inc. at the base bid of \$5,425,700.70 with additional/alternates of \$251,977; and

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has reviewed the bids and recommends Heitkamp, Inc. be awarded the contract for the construction work of the Harmon and Wolf/Cook Area Water Main Replacement, Cement Lining and Extension Project in the amount of \$5,425,700.70 with one additional/alternate of \$15,912.00,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to sign the contract with Heitkamp, Inc. in the amount of \$5,425,700.70 with one additional/alternates of \$15,912.00 for a total of \$5,441,612.70 for the Harmon and Wolf/Cook Water Main Replacement, Cement Lining and Extension Project,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount should be charged to capital account # H8340.13262.

DISCUSSION:

Village Manager Zambrano stated that this project also went through a series of Board of Health approvals; the Village Engineer has been working with them very closely and we are glad that we have reached this point.

Mayor Wiegman said that there was quite a difference between the two bids and asked Village Engineer Dan O'Connor to explain the process of checking their references.

Village Engineer Dan O'Connor advised that both companies are premier cement relining companies in the area and have worked in many locations throughout Westchester County; all their references came back with very positive results with respect to the workmanship and the quality of their work. Mr. O'Connor stated that there is a lot of new water mains that will need to be installed and Heitkamp deals with a local company called Bilotta Construction who put some very good number together for them as the sub-contractor.

Trustee Gallelli pointed out that this project is being funded through the Water Fund and ultimately through water bills.

Village Manager advised that not all the funding is in place and he will be bringing bond resolutions before the Board for their approval.

Mayor Wiegman asked when the public would expect to see the actual work begin.

Village Engineer Dan O'Connor explained that it will take approximately a month to get the contractor's bonds and insurance; the project will be broken up into four or five phases and we are asking the contractor to give us their plan. Mr. O'Connor advised that we will also schedule a community meeting because there is a lot of interaction between the contractor and the residents on this type of project with respect to hooking up temporary water mains, temporary driveway crossings and temporary piping as well as the construction part of the project.

Mayor Wiegman asked if the contractor will tackle both the Harmon and the Wolf/Cook areas at the same time since the area has a smaller geography.

Village Engineer O'Connor stated that he does not believe that the contractor is going to have two relining crews in the Village; but they will have the subcontractor doing the new water mains.

8. CITIZEN PARTICPATION-NON AGENDA ITEMS

Dan Chesnard, Farrington Road, Croton on Hudson, said that before the work starts on Farrington Road he would like to see High Street fixed. Mr. Chesnard said that it appears that the Village has spent approximately \$23,000 on the Gouveia property acquisition and asked if the Village has hired a financial advisor to represent the Village and who will be handling the one-million dollars when it goes into the Trust.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that Farrington Road and High Street are two separate projects and there are submissions to the DOT that need to be addressed; we are also doing the Storm Water Management Project from Old Post Road North and Prospect that will affect the bottom portion of High Street.

Mayor Wiegman advised that the Village has not hired a Financial Advisor; we have our Village Attorney representing us in the discussions; when the money goes into a Trust the Village will appoint a Financial Manager to work with the Village.

Bob Wintermeier, 43 Radnor Avenue, Croton on Hudson, stated that the Village spent approximately twenty thousand dollars for staff to attend various conferences and suggested limiting them. Mr. Wintermeier questioned the five hundred dollars of overtime in the election line for someone to open and close the Municipal Building and suggested finding someone else to open and close the building. Mr. Wintermeier questioned the "Energy Efficiency Initiative" amount and asked if this is going out to bid and what is the purpose of this. Mr. Wintermeier questioned the two percent raise for staff and would like the Board to consider not having automatic raises.

Mayor Wiegman stated that the Village has a philosophy that our staff continue to stay abreast of what is going on in their field; our Clerk and Treasurer travel to meetings with other Clerks and Treasurers throughout Westchester County to exchange ideas and continue their education; the same is true for the Board of Trustees the Manager's office and our Fire Department. Mayor Wiegman stated that attending these conferences have been very helpful to him and other Board members; we have the opportunity to discuss ideas and issues and brainstorm with other elected officials and Managers throughout New York State.

Frederick Turner, 35 Truesdale Drive, Croton on Hudson; thanked Kevin Davis for his service and is very sorry that he is leaving. Mr. Truesdale said that he does not believe that the community is aware of the plan to fence the entrance area at Mayo's Landing and ban all dogs and feels that these policies are driven only by complaints. Mr. Truesdale said that he is disappointed that he was not included in any of these discussions after expressing his interest in participating in them. Mr. Truesdale stated that the little sliver of Mayo's Landing is the last vestige; it is a Norman Rockwell painting and should not be tampered with. Mr. Truesdale gave a copy of the "Indian Brook Croton Gorge Watershed Conservation Action Plan"; this is an historic document that lays out a blueprint on how to protect the Croton River and the need to monitor water quality.

Mayor Wiegman explained that a small amount of money was put in the budget for "Energy Efficiency Initiative" to purchase goods and services that we think are beneficial and that will save the Village money going forward; last year the Village spent some money from that account for a high efficiency vehicle for our parking enforcement and in other years we used that money to make small improvements to our buildings; this coming year we may use it to do a detailed study of the Municipal Building with respect to energy management.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Budget Public Hearing held on April 7, 2014. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board approved; with a vote of 5-0.

Trustee Davis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Budget Meeting held on April 21, 2014. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board approved; with a vote of 4-0, Mayor Wiegman abstaining.

Trustee Slippen made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of the Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2014. Trustee Davis seconded the motion. The Board approved; with a vote of 4-0, Mayor Wiegman abstaining.

10. REPORTS

Village Manager Zambrano advised that he received notification that there is an additional affordable housing unit at Symphony Knoll. Mr. Zambrano advised that the information will be posted on the Village's website.

Village Manager Zambrano advised that he attended the Croton River Area Task Force meeting last Thursday.

Village Manager Zambrano responded to concerns regarding Mayo's Landing" and advised that the Village is committed to continuing to maintain Mayo's Landing and to keep it as pristine as possible as well as deterring the erosion of the property north of it.

Village Manager Zambrano responded to a concern regarding approval of purchases and advised that purchases under certain amounts do not get approved by the Board; the Board approves a budget for purchases at the beginning of the Fiscal Year and those purchases enable Croton to conduct the business of the Village as long as they are within the guidelines of our Purchasing Policy.

Village Manager Zambrano responded to a comment regarding attendance at conferences and stated that as professionals it is important that we continue educating ourselves and part of being a Municipal employee is our obligation to continue that education so that we continue to provide good services to our community. Mr. Zambrano stated that just like doctors, lawyers, accounts and engineers who are required to continue to refresh their knowledge so does our staff. Mr. Zambrano stated that not all training requires overnight stays and in many instances they are just for a morning or

afternoon session; we are very selective to what conferences our staff attends so that we get the most for our dollars and to minimize the amount of time we are away from the office as well.

Trustee Davis advised that this year's "Earth Day" was a success again. Trustee Davis gave a shout out to the Recreation Crew and John Bouchard our new Parks Foreman for a great job.

Trustee Slippen advised that tomorrow evening the Joint PTA's will be hosting a Board of Education Candidates Forum at 7:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Elementary School.

Trustee Slippen advised that she attended the Senior Club's new officer's installation and gave kudos to Valerie Nolan for an amazing job.

Trustee Gallelli advised that she attended the recent New York Conference of Mayor's Conference; it was a "jam backed" itinerary of classes; those of us who attend always come away with useful information; this year there was a session on cyber-security that focused on the implementation and what the liability is to your community and classes on the implications of the "Affordable Health Care Act" for governments that was very useful as well.

Trustee Gallelli encouraged everyone in the community to attend the Veteran's Day ceremony at Veteran's Corner on Monday, May 26th.

Trustee Levitt announced that the Cortlandt Community Rowing Association's opening day Regatta was held this past Saturday and was a huge success. Trustee Levitt announced that children from Croton who competed in the "mixed eight race for High School students" won and we are very proud of them.

Trustee Levitt thanked Village Manager Zambrano for coming up with the idea of having Village Hall opened during "Summerfest"; this will give Village residents an opportunity to come in and get their Village ID's and Recreation passes.

Trustee Levitt urged all residents to vote in the upcoming School Budget Vote.

Mayor Wiegman advised that a Dogwood Tree was recently planted at Veteran's Corner; approximately twenty-five students from Children's Place were in attendance.

Mayor Wiegman advised that a Croton River meeting was held to review what has happened since the fall and to get ready for the coming summer season; one suggestion that was raised by members of the public and reviewed by staff was whether a four foot fence at Mayo's Landing would help to funnel people to a particular location to go down the hill and to enter at the safest possible location. Mayor Wiegman advised that a sign has been drafted to look like the signs that were developed for Silver Lake.

Mayor Wiegman announced that the Farmer's Market is now up and running on Sundays.

Mayor Wiegman advised that Croton Landing is getting very busy and asked residents to be careful driving down Elliott Way and to obey the fifteen mile per hour speed restriction. Mayor Wiegman also advised that the parking lot has been extended by approximately twelve additional spots beyond the paved area.

Mayor Wiegman reminded everyone that the Croton Harmon Education Foundation is having their annual "Under the Stars Event" on May 17th; tickets can be purchased by going to their web-site.

Mayor Wiegman advised that he attended the New York Conference of Mayor's meeting as well; it was a very busy event with a lot of the discussions focusing on the "Tax Levy Freeze". Mayor Wiegman advised that he gained a lot of good ideas from classes he attended that focused on Economic Development and how municipalities are recovering from the Recession. Mayor Wiegman said that it is always a great way to speak and brainstorm and trade information with other leaders throughout New York State.

There being no further business to come before the Board; Trustee Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion approved with a 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Weintraub, Board Secretary

Paula DiSanto, Village Clerk