

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 1, 2006
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Mayor David C. McFadden
Deputy Mayor Russell Vernon
Trustee Christopher Hansen
Trustee Oliver Parker

Absent: Trustee Nancy Hays

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: Celeste Gebhardt, Peter Regna, Chiu-Yin Hempel, Sally Sonne, Susan Goodfellow, Mary Graetzer, Jake Lindsay

Mayor McFadden called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Deputy Mayor Vernon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1

Village Residents who spoke during the comment period were: Susan Goodfellow, Peter Regna, Jake Lindsay, and Celeste Gebhardt.

Public Comments : Bare bones legislation confusing, more reconciliation work on the Code needed, allocation of PB and BAR powers unclear, TAC already prepared list of PB and BAR duties, Planning Board responsibilities affect Master Plan, application process starts with Building Inspector, comprehensive site plan regulations might change bare bones criteria, request Code changes be reviewed by the three Village Attorneys.

Public comments may be heard in full on the audio cassette tape of the March 1, 2006 Special BOT meeting, which is available upon request at the Village Office.

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 3 2006 (LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK TO PROVIDE SITE PLAN POWERS AND CRITERIA FOR THE PLANNING BOARD AND AMENDING THE CRITERIA FOR THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW)

A discussion was held by the Trustees. A synopsis of their concerns is as follows.

Mayor McFadden: All the attorneys feel that the “bare bones” should be done now so that when the law is filed in Albany the boards are split in the Code. This legislation amends the Code to allow the law that was passed to split the Boards and is the first step of many steps. A new group has been formed to deal with view sheds. Members of the TAC and the BZA are coming up with additional Code changes. There will be a series of meetings over a series of months with a series of public hearings. He asked PB/BAR Chairwoman Celeste Gebhardt if the list can be done by the next Trustees meeting. Any new application would begin with the Building Inspector.

Trustee Parker: The legislation is too “bare bones”. Asks that all the attorneys be present at the public hearings. Wants to hear more on the guidelines and reports by the TAC before next meeting.

Trustee Hansen: There are many areas in the Village Code where PB and BAR are used interchangeably and the Board should identify each instance of PB and BAR and determine if the reference refers to the correct board. Suggests the Trustees go through the Code and make recommendations for changes at the next Trustees meeting. Trustee Hansen after a discussion agreed that it would best for the TAC to provide the Trustees with its recommendation on each instance of PB and BAR in the code. Trustee Hansen agreed that he would provide the TAC with a document that showed all instances of PB and BAR in the code.

Trustee Vernon: Asked that the TAC have all recommended Code language changes available at the next meeting for review so they can be on the agenda for the April meeting.

Celeste Gebhardt: The TAC can give the Trustees a list of PB and BAR responsibilities as they see them and review the instance provided by Trustee Hansen.

A motion was made by Trustee Hansen, seconded by Mayor McFadden that the TAC provide the list of Planning Board and BAR duties to the Trustees by the March 15th Trustees meeting.

Vote of the Board: Deputy Mayor Vernon – aye
Trustee Hansen – aye
Mayor McFadden – aye
Trustee Parker – aye

The motion was passed by a 4-0 vote.

A motion was made Mayor McFadden that a public hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 3 be held on March 15, 2006 at 7:35 p.m.

Vote of the Board: Trustee Parker – no
Trustee Hansen – aye
Deputy Mayor Vernon – aye
Mayor McFadden – aye

The motion was passed by a 3-1 vote.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor McFadden, seconded by Deputy Mayor Vernon that the meeting be adjourned to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss an employee matter. The vote was 4-0 in favor of adjourning.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer