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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

TOWN HALL PAVILION

TOWN BOARD MEETING

One Washington Street

Hempstead, New York 11550

February 28, 2023

7:00 P.M.

BEFORE: DONALD X. CLAVIN, JR.

SUPERVISOR



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A P P E A R A N C E S :

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY

COUNCILMAN DUNNE

COUNCILMAN CARINI (ABSENT)

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA

COUNCILWOMAN MILLER

CLERK MURRAY

DEPUTY CLERK SUSAN POKALSKY

TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE

CHIEF OF STAFF LIBERT

COMPTROLLER MASTROMARINO



1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right. Good
2 evening, everybody, and welcome to the February 28th
3 Hempstead Town Board Meeting.

4 Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll.

5 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Here.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

10 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Here.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

12 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Here.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Present.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Now, I'm going to ask
16 Councilman Dunne to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: All rise, face the
18 American Flag, place your right hand over your heart and
19 join me.

20 (Whereupon, Councilman Dunne led the Assembly
21 in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the following ensued.)

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAAVIN: Thank you, Dennis.

24 Madam Clerk, would you please call the first
25 Public Hearing.

1 CLERK MURRAY: Yes, I will.

2 We have a proposed Local Law regarding,
3 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions," in East Meadow,
4 Elmont, near Valley Stream (To amend Section 202-1 of the
5 Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, any Member of the
7 Board wish to be heard?

8 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
9 the following ensued.)

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have any slips
11 on Item Number 1 on the Public Calendar.

12 Anybody who did not sign in wish to be heard
13 on Item Number 1?

14 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
15 the following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I, please,
17 have a motion?

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I make a Motion to close
19 the Public Hearing and adopt the item.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Second.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

1 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

3 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please call
7 the next item.

8 CLERK MURRAY: We have the proposed Local
9 Law regarding, "Arterial Stops" in Elmont and Inwood, (To
10 amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of
11 Hempstead.)

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
13 wish to be heard?

14 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
15 the following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. I do not have any
17 slips on Item Number 2.

18 Anybody who did not sign in and wish to be
19 heard in Item Number 2.

20 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
21 the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I please
23 have a motion?

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I move the Public
25 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

1 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Second.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

7 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

9 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please call
13 the next item.

14 CLERK MURRAY: We have a proposed Local Law
15 regarding "School Speed Limits," in North Woodmere on
16 Rosedale Road (To amend Chapter 190 of the Code of the
17 Town of Hempstead by insertion of a location into Section
18 190-4 Subdivision "A" in relation to a 20 mile per hour
19 school speed limit 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., School Days.)

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right. Any Member of
21 the Board wish to be heard?

22 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
23 the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I Don't have any slips.

25 Any member of the Public that did not sign in

1 that wishes to be heard on Item Number 3?

2 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
3 the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I, please,
5 have a motion?

6 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
7 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

14 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

16 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please call
20 the next item.

21 CLERK MURRAY: We have a proposed Local Law
22 regarding, "Gross Weight Restrictions" in Woodmere. (To
23 amend Section 192-1 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead
24 by the addition of a location into Subdivision "DD"
25 thereof, in relation to Gross Weight Restrictions upon

1 Commercial Vehicles using certain Town Highways in
2 Woodmere.)

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Any Member of the Board
4 wish to be heard?

5 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
6 the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Don't have any slips on
8 Item Number 4, is there anybody that did not sign in that
9 wishes to be heard on Item Number 4?

10 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
11 the following ensued.)

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I, please,
13 have a motion?

14 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
15 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please call
3 the next item.

4 CLERK MURRAY: We have a proposed
5 "Handicapped Parking On Public Streets," in Baldwin,
6 Elmont, Franklin Square, Inwood, Roosevelt and West
7 Hempstead. (Kings Parkway, Adams Street, Park Lane North,
8 Wansers Avenue, Grenada Avenue, Madison Avenue.)

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

10 Any Member of the Board wish to be heard?

11 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
12 the following ensued.)

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have any slips
14 on Item Number 5, is there any member of the public that
15 did not sign in that wishes to be heard on Item Number 5?

16 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After,
17 the following ensued.)

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I please
19 have a motion?

20 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I moved item
21 Number 5.

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

3 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

5 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please call
9 the next item.

10 CLERK MURRAY: We will call 6-A A and 6 in
11 tandem.

12 We have a Resolution - Adopting a S.E.Q.R
13 Negative Declaration and Determination of Non-
14 Significance in connection with the proposed amendment of
15 Article XXXIV of the Building Zone Ordinance in relation
16 to Flood Hazard Zones - Town of Hempstead.

17 Proposed Amendment of Article XXXIV of the
18 Building Zone Ordinance of the Town of Hempstead
19 in relation to "Flood Hazard Zones" - Town of
20 Hempstead.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, does any Member of the
22 Board wish to be heard?

23 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After, the
24 following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have any slips on

1 Item Number 6.

2 Does anybody want to be heard on Item 6 or 6-A?

3 (Whereupon, no comments were heard. After, the
4 following ensued.)

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I please have a
6 motion?

7 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public Hearing
8 be closed and the Board adopt both Items 6-A.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Actually, let's have a separate
10 vote for each.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Okay.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: 6-A, second on 6-A.

13 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

19 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

21 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Do you have another motion
25 on 6, Number 6, Councilwoman?

1 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: I move the Public
2 Hearing be closed and the Board adopt the item.

3 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second the Motion.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

9 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

11 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please call
15 the next item.

16 CLERK MURRAY: We have as the 7th item,
17 it's a Resolution to review the recommendation of the
18 Town of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Commission that
19 the Bristol and Mexico Monument and a portion of
20 surrounding property, also known as the Mariners Burial
21 Ground, located within the Rockville Centre Cemetery at
22 45 Merrick Road, Lynbrook, be designated a Historical
23 Landmark.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay.

25 CLERK MURRAY: And before our Town Historian

1 Tom Saltzman speaks, I just wanted to let the record
2 reflect that I have given a packet of what Historian
3 Saltzman is going to be speaking about to each Council
4 Member and the Town Attorney.

5 And, we also have several letters of
6 support.

7 I do want to note them for the record,
8 from the Council General Helena Nolan of Ireland.

9 We have Congressman Anthony D'Esposito.

10 We have Mayor of Lynbrook, Alan Beach,
11 Mayor of East Rockaway, Bruno Romano and Village of
12 Rockville Centre, Fran Murray and Jeff Greenfield of the
13 NGL Realty Corporation.

14 They have all submitted letters in support
15 of the designation.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: They'll be part of the
17 record, Madam Clerk.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Yes, they will.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, I have a number of
20 slips, and why don't we start off with Tom Saltzman.

21 Tom, if you give your name and address and
22 identify yourself, everybody appreciate it.

23 HISTORIAN SALTZMAN: Tom Saltzman, one
24 Copper Beach Place, Merrick.

25 I am the Historian in the Town Clerk's

1 office and a Member of the Town of Hempstead Landmarks
2 Preservation Commission.

3 I just have a short prepared statement and
4 then I'd like to go through that booklet with you, if I
5 may.

6 In his 1841 volume entitled, "Tragedy of the
7 Sea," Charles Elms describes the horror of the event of
8 the Mexico shipwreck off Long Beach on January 3, 1837.

9 As a result of that wreck and the earlier
10 wreck of the Bristol occurring just 44 days prior, a
11 meeting of concerned citizens was called by the Town's
12 Clergy to arrange for the decent internment of the bodies
13 which were recovered.

14 Among other things, a provision was made for
15 the purchase of a suitable piece of ground to be
16 appropriated exclusively to the internment of the bodies
17 of those who should lose their lives by shipwreck on our
18 shores.

19 At that meeting, it was, "resolved," that a
20 Committee of twelve be appointed to collect contributions
21 for the purpose of purchasing a piece of ground to be
22 forever reserved solely for the interment of bodies which
23 shall hereafter be cast upon our beach.

24 And, also for the further purpose of erecting
25 a suitable monument over the bodies now interred.

1 On January 11, 1837, 62 frozen bodies from
2 Mexico were interred.

3 Soon after, the bodies of 77 victims of the
4 Bristol were also interred here for a total of 139
5 burials.

6 In 1840, the monument we know today as the
7 Bristol and Mexico Monument was erected near the South
8 end of the burial plot.

9 Chapter 118 of the 1840 Laws of New York State
10 provided for again, "monies found upon the bodies of the
11 deceased from the two shipwrecks be handed over to John
12 Bedell."

13 He was the Chairman of that Committee.

14 "Toward the erection of said monument and of
15 a suitable fence around a piece of ground in the Town of
16 Hempstead in the County of Foresaid, purchased for and
17 now known as the Mariners Burial Ground."

18 The dimensions of that piece of ground, "to
19 be known thenceforth as the Mariners Burial Ground was
20 described in an inscription on the monument itself. "

21 That inscription read, "the Inhabitants of
22 the County, impelled by a generous sensibility, have
23 purchased thirty feet front and rear by one hundred and
24 sixty-one deep of this yard and set it apart as a
25 Mariner's Burial Ground."

1 Various sources indicate that sometime after
2 1953 the one line of the dimensions by one hundred and
3 sixty-one feet deep was chiseled from the monument.

4 We know this because a Harvard Law School
5 student by the name of Ruth Bader wrote about the Mexico
6 tragedy and the inscriptions on the monument in the
7 Autumn, 1953 issue of the New York Folklore Quarterly.

8 In her later marriage, she would go on to
9 become Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

10 Today, grave markers from recent burials have
11 been shoehorned within inches of the monument.

12 There is nothing left to indicate the location
13 of the long burial trenches that hold the Bristol and
14 Mexico's victims.

15 Our great fear is if we fail to protect the
16 small section of land where there are benches and
17 didactic panels informing visitors of the tragic events
18 and where annual historic celebrations are held, we face
19 an uncertain future where cemetery operators can bury
20 people right up against the monument and erect whatever
21 tombstones they wish.

22 Both of these ships foundered extremely close
23 to the shore, either in or just beyond the surf lines.

24 Two hundred and fifteen men, women and
25 children perished either by drowning or by freezing to

1 death.

2 These were immigrants, mostly from Ireland,
3 looking to fulfill their dreams of a new life in America,
4 tragically dying within sight of their dreams.

5 We are hoping that at the end of public
6 comment on this matter, that the Members of this Board
7 impelled by the same sensibility that the inhabitants of
8 Hempstead possessed in 1837, will vote to protect not
9 only the Bristol/ Mexico monument, but also that small
10 portion of land originally named the Mariners Burial
11 Ground, where today rests some 139 souls who died
12 tragically on the way to this Country.

13 That's my little speech, and if you don't
14 mind, just to go through the booklet, the first
15 photograph presented is really just a lovely photograph
16 of the monument, itself.

17 And if you could look closely at the base,
18 you can see sort of a white line.

19 That's actually the chisel mark that I'll
20 show you in a later photograph.

21 The second photograph is taken and shows the
22 benches and the didactic panels.

23 And, that photo is basically taken from and
24 shows the area that we wish to landmark, tonight.

25 Photo Number 3 shows the line that was

1 chiseled, which says, "by 161 feet deep."

2 That's been recorded in so many volumes and
3 written texts about this monument that there can be no
4 doubt about what that says.

5 Photo 4 is an aerial photograph taken in
6 1926 which shows I don't know if you can see the yellow
7 outline is the Mariner's Burial Ground and the little
8 blue outline is the monument, itself.

9 If you look at that and, again, we have to
10 look under a magnifying glass, you don't seem to see the
11 same kind of burial features that you see in the rest of
12 the cemetery off to the left.

13 Going to Photo 5, this is a map that was
14 drawn by Attorney Sanford Davidson as part of his
15 testimony in 1917.

16 He was asked by the Town Board then to look
17 into ownership of the cemetery property.

18 He is describing in this map the different
19 parcels that make up the cemetery at that time.

20 And, what's shown as the County plot in
21 that map is the Mariner's Burial Ground.

22 And there you have the Memorial down in the
23 southern part of it.

24 The next photograph and I have to give
25 credit to Jack O'Brien of the Nassau County Chapter of

1 the Ancient Hibernians, he supplied this photograph.

2 And this is an overlay of the previous map
3 that was drawn by Fort Davidson in 1970, placed over a
4 recent photograph of the cemetery.

5 And, it's as clear as day that the burial
6 plot, the County plot, and the Memorial again, are the
7 Mariners Burial Ground or is the Mariners Burial Ground.

8 The last photograph is taken from a drone
9 overlooking the monument.

10 You can see the bit of open space that is
11 to the South.

12 The Monument is - - the shadow is basically
13 pointing a little bit northwest, but to the South and
14 West of the Monument is still open space with the
15 exception of a few ground markers for graves that were
16 placed there.

17 Everything above or North of the Monument,
18 we consider an incursion on the Mariners Burial Ground,
19 which was supposed to be there in perpetuity.

20 So, what we are trying to do today is
21 protect what little bit of open land still remains, where
22 ceremonies are held every year, where school children are
23 brought to learn about the disasters for local history,
24 and where we learn that the people of Hempstead went way
25 beyond what had ever done before to give these people a

1 decent burial.

2 I thank you. Oh, I'm sorry. The last is
3 a foldout and that's I'm sorry, that's probably one of
4 the most important parts, that is a survey of the
5 property that we would like landmarked.

6 You can see on the little expanded
7 diagram, the little circular part to the right, that we
8 have left out, we've gone right up to the monument,
9 itself and we have not bothered asking for that section
10 of property where there's a line of graves directly
11 against the northern edge of the mound.

12 There are a couple of ground stones, like
13 I said, and again, it's the feeling of the Landmarks
14 Commission that we would not act in any way to prevent
15 any family members from being interred with their loved
16 ones in those particular locations.

17 That is my presentation.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Tom. Thank
19 you for all your service.

20 I do appreciate your tireless work and I
21 enjoy your keeping of the documents in the Town of
22 Hempstead during your tenure.

23 You do a fantastic job.

24 First off, does any Member of the Board
25 have any questions?

1 (Whereupon, no comments were heard.
2 After, the following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do have a number of
4 public residents who'd like to speak on it.

5 When you come up, you just go to the back
6 mic and give your name and address.

7 We have Paul, you're here? Hey, Paul.
8 How are you? Good to see you. Come on. Go back there
9 and identify yourself. You're no stranger to Town Hall.

10 LANDMARKS CHAIRMAN VAN WIE: My name is
11 Paul Van Wie and I reside at 227 Grange Street, Franklin
12 Square.

13 And, I am serving as the Chair of the Town
14 of Hempstead Landmarks Preservation Commission.

15 Regarding the Mariners Burial Ground, it's
16 undoubtedly one of the most significant historical sites
17 in the Town of Hempstead.

18 It exemplifies the Town's history for many
19 reasons, among them, it is really an example of the
20 essential goodness of the people of the Town of Hempstead
21 in providing for their fellow human beings a proper and
22 decent burial.

23 It was a charitable act that they did.

24 And, I think it really exemplifies the
25 spirit of our Town over the Centuries.

1 It is significant in the history of
2 American immigration in that so many of the people who
3 were drowned and were buried in that burial ground were
4 on their way to a new life in the United States, a moment
5 of great hope, yet a moment of great tragedy for these
6 people.

7 It is a living link with our past and it
8 is, indeed, a sacred site.

9 And, it also led - - the tragedy also
10 led to the eventual development of lifesaving stations on
11 the Long Island Coast.

12 So, for many reasons, it is a historical
13 site in the history of our Country and we must protect it
14 for future generations.

15 I would like to state that the Landmarks
16 Commission unanimously endorsed this recommendation and
17 feels it is one of the most significant sites to have
18 come before our Commission in the last several years.

19 In closing, I would like to thank our
20 Town Historian, Tom Saltzman, for his thorough research,
21 for his enthusiasm and for sharing his expertise with all
22 of us in bringing this information in front of us this
23 evening.

24 He is a great resource and we are
25 privileged to have him serve on our Landmarks Commission.

1 Thank you very much.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Doctor, thank you, as
3 always, for your passion on preserving history.

4 It's always nice to see you.

5 Next, I have Carol McKenna. Carol, you
6 go this way, come on.

7 You can come either in the back or the
8 front.

9 Good evening. Just give your name and
10 address for the record. And good to see you, Carol.

11 CAROL MCKENNA: My name is Carol
12 McKenna. I reside at 52 Virginia Street in Valley
13 Stream, New York.

14 And, I would like to speak to the issue
15 of Rockville Cemetery, please.

16 I am speaking in my capacity as
17 Historian for the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream,
18 a Member and former President of the Valley Stream
19 Historical Society and former President of the
20 Association of Public Historians of New York State.

21 And, I think those offices should give
22 you an idea of how seriously I believe that our history,
23 whether it is written, contained in a building, cemetery
24 or in this case, a monument, is to be preserved for
25 generations to come.

1 My other reason for being before this
2 august group is personal.

3 My Father-in-law, Mother-in-law and my
4 Mother-in-law's sisters are buried in Rockville Cemetery.

5 My Father-in-law came from Belfast with
6 his family in the 1920's and settled in New York.

7 I think it should also be taken into
8 consideration and reiterating what Tom said earlier, that
9 139 of the 215 victims of the Bristol and Mexico
10 shipwrecks are buried in a mass grave.

11 Immigrants, mostly Catholic, who are
12 seeking a better life, religious freedom, and the right
13 to own land which was denied them in Ireland, never got
14 their chance.

15 The monument stands as an idea of what
16 individuals would do in difficult times and should be
17 granted Landmark status by the Town of Hempstead.

18 Thank you for your consideration.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.
20 And thanks for the great work you do at the Valley Stream
21 Historical Society.

22 Always nice to see you, even though you
23 didn't bring Ancona's pizza.

24 Next, now, it does not say you want to
25 speak, Frank Torrey, but Frank, did you want to speak or

1 no?

2 No? Okay, next, I have Robert Simpson.

3 Did you want to speak? No, okay.

4 Next, after that, I have Madeline Pearson.

5 MADELINE PEARSON: My name is Madeline

6 Pearson. I live at 28 Grant Avenue in East Rockaway.

7 I'm the Executive Director of the Historical
8 Society of East Rockaway and Lynbrook.

9 The Historical Society of East Rockaway in
10 Lynbrook is seeking landmark status and preservation of
11 the Bristol and Mexico Monument and the remaining open
12 portion surrounding the Mariner's Burial Ground located
13 in the Rockville Cemetery on Merrick Road in Lynbrook.

14 In the Winter of 1836 and '37, two ships, the
15 Bristol and the Mexico, coming from England and carrying
16 potential immigrants, mostly from Ireland, looking for
17 new opportunities and a better life in America, ended up
18 shipwrecked with many of the passengers freezing to death
19 or drowning just yards off of the coast.

20 Days after the Bristol shipwreck,
21 distinguished Town of Hempstead, residents raised funds
22 for the purchase of a Mariner's Burial Ground so that
23 these people could have a suitable burial.

24 Residents of East Rockaway, Lynbrook and
25 Rockville Centre came together to ensure coffins were

1 made and a proper burial was provided.

2 Later, the Committee also resolved to
3 erect a monument.

4 They did this four years later using
5 donations raised from the residents of the Town of
6 Hempstead and with money taken from the bodies of the
7 victims.

8 Research has proven that this land is
9 owned by the Town of Hempstead.

10 For more than 20 years, there has been an
11 Annual Memorial Ceremony honoring the 139 people who
12 perished on these two shipwrecks and are buried in the
13 Rockville Cemetery.

14 For the past 13 years, we, as the
15 Historical Society, has provided a local history program
16 for our local fourth graders, including this story of the
17 Bristol and the Mexico shipwrecks, the people who died,
18 and what the residents of the Town of Hempstead did for
19 these victims.

20 It has made an impact on each student as
21 the monument is the tallest monument seen when passing
22 that cemetery and every student that has passed this
23 cemetery when they're traveling to and from McDonald's,
24 which is right down the street.

25 So, they, now, know what is very important

1 in that cemetery.

2 Members of the Historical Society, Members
3 of the Irish organizations and community residents and
4 businesses have donated funds in recent years that have
5 allowed us to purchase historical markers to share this
6 story.

7 We've added two granite benches and
8 improved the landscaping so that people can better
9 appreciate the significance of this monument when they
10 see it and visit it.

11 In 2015, the monument and entire cemetery
12 was placed on the New York State and National Register of
13 Historic Places.

14 The monument and the burial grounds
15 surrounding it should now also get the recognition by the
16 Town of Hempstead as a landmark and the benefits of
17 preservation going forward so that is maintained and
18 preserved for future without the worry of destruction or
19 of new people being buried within the specific
20 surrounding monument.

21 Many monuments are for famous people or
22 events, but this monument is for those poor people and
23 women and children who saw the United States but never
24 reached it.

25 Thank you very much.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Listen, first off,
2 that was a solid three minutes.

3 Also, I just want to let you know, Paul's
4 already working on having the McDonald's named a
5 historical institution, as well.

6 As somebody from Valley Stream, I've been
7 going there for like 50 years of my life.

8 We all know it too well.

9 Now, I see James is here, but James did
10 not put down he wants to speak.

11 You don't want to speak? Okay, we have
12 Christian Browne. Give your name and address for the
13 record. Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY BROWNE: Good evening,
15 Supervisor, Members of the board:

16 Christian Browne, McLaughlin and Stern,
17 1122 Franklin Avenue, Garden City.

18 I represent the operator of the cemetery.
19 We've been involved in this process from the beginning,
20 learned a lot throughout the process.

21 I think when this was first before the
22 Landmarks Commission, maybe about a year ago or so, even
23 at that point, the ownership of this land was in
24 question.

25 Nobody really, to my understanding, had

1 been able to delineate exactly where the Mariner's Burial
2 Ground was supposed to be laid out.

3 And, following that process, extensive
4 research was done.

5 The Town hired an outside law firm to do
6 some title work and then Mr. Saltzman did quite a bit of
7 research.

8 And, I think, now, there's probably more
9 information about this historical episode and the way
10 that it was handled in the cemetery than has ever been
11 known before or was long forgotten.

12 And, I commend the Commission on its work
13 and Mr. Saltzman's research is illuminating.

14 The reason I mention that is that at some
15 point over the many decades since this event transpired,
16 it is, I think, we agree there are family plots that are
17 in or around the section of land that the Commission
18 wants to landmark.

19 We have no problem.

20 We don't object to the landmarking of the
21 monument.

22 We, really, don't object, at this point,
23 to the landmarking of the grounds.

24 I raised this with the Town Attorney, the
25 only caveat to what I'm saying is to the extent that

1 people have families have over the years acquired burial
2 rights, you know, we want to be able to respect those
3 rights as well and to engage in burials for those who own
4 the plots, now .

5 We're not talking about new plots.

6 We're just talking about families that own
7 plots and would claim rights to bury in and around that
8 area.

9 Now, from what I understand, from what Mr.
10 Saltzman said, the Commission may be in agreement that a
11 particular area be exempted or carved out of the
12 landmarking designation.

13 That would be fine if that accomplishes
14 the goal that I'm stating or if, in the resolution that
15 this Board adopts, I mentioned to Mr. Maccarone, this
16 afternoon, some kind of provision could be made so as to
17 not impede the ability of the cemetery to carry out, you
18 know, routine burials for people who do have property
19 rights that have been given them over the many decades
20 when I think, unfortunately, the exclusive nature of the
21 burial ground had been forgotten or neglected, that's our
22 only concern.

23 Otherwise, we have no issue.

24 We respect the history here.

25 We just want to make sure that the

1 cemetery's operations aren't unduly impeded.

2 (Whereupon, the three minute bell rang.
3 After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Oh, Madeline was so
5 much better than you, Christian.

6 Why don't you stick around and we'll see
7 what other residents have to say before we render a
8 decision.

9 ATTORNEY BROWNE: But we have no
10 objection on the historical nature.

11 It's that one concern that we have. All
12 right, thank you very much.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right, thank you
14 very much.

15 Next I see Alan Beach. I do want to
16 recognize the Mayor of Lynbrook is here. Thank you very
17 much.

18 And I think is Trustee Ryder next to you
19 there? It's nice to see the both of you. Either of you
20 want to speak? Because I have it. Okay.

21 (Whereupon, no comments were heard.
22 After, the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have Aaron
24 Scott. Okay. I have Eileen O'Brien, but she has a "no,"
25 written next to it. Is that correct?

1 You don't want to speak? No. Okay. Pat
2 McGivern. Nope. John Deeley has , "no." James Henry
3 has a, "no."

4 And, the last one I have listed here for
5 speaking on Item Number 7 is Patricia Hickey. If you
6 just go to the back and give your name and address.
7 Thank you very much.

8 PATRICIA HICKEY: Hello, I'm Patricia
9 Hickey, 29 Earl Avenue in Lynbrook and I am a Volunteer
10 for the Historic Society.

11 And, just to add to all the wonderful
12 things that have been said about this monument, figured
13 I'd tell my own story.

14 For 70 years, my family has resided in
15 the Malverne/Lynbrook area.

16 And growing up, I always thought of the
17 Rockville Cemetery, as a special place, but it was only
18 when, as an adult, I became involved in volunteering for
19 the Lynbrook/East Rockaway Historic Society that I
20 realized how special it is.

21 As a Volunteer for the Historic Society,
22 I helped to tell fourth graders about the significance of
23 a monument in the center of the cemetery and of the story
24 of the Bristol and the Mexico.

25 That story offers many teachable

1 moments.

2 It includes the story of immigrants
3 boarding those ships in the hope of starting a new life
4 in America and the hardship that they endured.

5 It tells of Harbor Pilots at the New
6 York Port who were not at their assigned posts when both
7 ships entered the Harbor.

8 And, it underscores for our listeners
9 the importance of honoring commitments.

10 It holds the example of a courageous
11 Captain, Captain McGowan of the Bristol, who did
12 everything that he could do to help save his passengers
13 and shows us an opposite character in Captain Winslow of
14 the Mexico who abandoned his passengers.

15 But most importantly, this story has
16 been an example to our students of the caring nature of
17 our community, a community who came together to arrange
18 for the burial of those that died in these shipwrecks.

19 I ask that the Board authorize the
20 landmark of the monument and the burial site of the
21 victims of the Bristol of Mexico as a way of continuing
22 to show the caring nature of our community and our
23 respect for the victims of these two tragic shipwrecks,
24 as well as, our respect for the history of our Town.

25 Thank you very much.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

2 Patricia.

3 I don't have any other slips on Item
4 Number 7. I know this gentleman, you would like to speak
5 on Item Number 7?

6 You come to the mic and give your name
7 and address. That'd be great.

8 JOHN O'BRIEN: I think you called my
9 wife's name, Eileen O'Brien.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, yeah.

11 JOHN O'BRIEN: My name is John O'Brien.
12 I live in Westbury, 43 Hidden Lane, Westbury, New York.

13 I've been up here before. A lot has
14 been said, tonight, about the rights of the current
15 families being buried there, but I want to bring out that
16 Hempstead owns a lot there.

17 It's Hempstead's family plot. It's 161
18 feet long by at least 30 feet wide, and other people have
19 been buried there.

20 What about the rights of the people
21 that Hempstead has put there?

22 So, I want people to consider that as
23 well.

24 Marking the monument as a landmark is
25 very normal, very normal.

1 But the monument is only a part of it
2 and it was put there three years after the fact as Tom
3 lovely, wonderfully brought out.

4 The people of Hempstead did this
5 because they knew it was the right thing to do.

6 Although the current burials there on
7 top of the others should have rights, it should be
8 somehow referred through the Town of Hempstead that
9 they're using their land.

10 This is in accordance with the Not-for-
11 Profit Cemetery Act and should be discussed as well in
12 the landmark process.

13 I do want to thank the whole Board.

14 The Town of Hempstead, the wonderful
15 Landmark Commission has been a great help for the past
16 years.

17 We've actually been doing this - - If
18 Art was here, he'd be telling you about 1990 and putting
19 up the first sign there and bringing this story to light
20 for everyone to know and learn from.

21 But it is an important part of history,
22 especially in Hempstead.

23 The lifesaving service did come from
24 this that later became the Coast Guard and the whole
25 pilot system was changed over the year after within a

1 year after.

2 And, then it was again amended in, I
3 think, 1841 or so because all of a sudden they started
4 having the New Jersey Pilots bring in the ships and New
5 York Harbor Pilots changed the way they were doing
6 business at that point.

7 But I thank everybody for their time.
8 Keep in mind how long this problems existed, how little
9 help we got.

10 I don't know how you lose 139 bodies
11 in a cemetery, but I guess you really didn't look for
12 them.

13 As far as the Rockville cemetery
14 operations have run, I've been to the Slave Cemetery in
15 Manhattan, has an absolute wonderful record using a
16 ground penetrating radar of where everybody is.

17 I thank all of you.

18 I thank the Hibernians and the
19 Lynbrook Historical Society, East Rockaway people, Frank
20 Torres, Art and Madeline especially.

21 Thank you for your time and thank you
22 for listening to us today.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mr.
24 O'Brien.

25 I don't have any other slips on Item

1 Number 7.

2 Does anybody else wish to be heard
3 on Item Number 7?

4 All right, give your name and
5 address for the record. Thank you.

6 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday,
7 Baldwin resident, Town of Hempstead.

8 As a student of history, I was very
9 interested about this particular process, and I do
10 support the request for this item because I do think
11 history is important and we do need to remember those who
12 risked their life to try to come to this Country.

13 But some of us, our ancestors, did
14 not have choices to be brought here and the circumstances
15 they were brought here.

16 And, the previous gentleman speaking
17 about the African Slave Burial Grounds, unfortunately,
18 and being a part of that process to save that when the
19 Federal Government was trying to build a courthouse, and
20 that was really when the discovery was made about that
21 burial ground.

22 So, folks had to really kind of rally
23 and do a lot of research and investigation and protest to
24 claim those vital artifacts and lives that were lost who
25 were taken from their homeland.

1 They were very prosperous where they
2 were and they were taken from their homeland.

3 So, I think that, again, knowing about
4 the history of the immigrant status overall, I think is a
5 collective scenario that we should all bridge gaps to
6 become more aware.

7 I think that would make us a little bit
8 more receptive, more collaborative, and a lot nicer to
9 each other if we could understand where everybody has as
10 far as their starting points and how we can work together
11 collectively.

12 There's just so many things going on
13 around us and near us that we really need to step up and
14 speak up, but we need to do a little bit more reaching
15 out and working together.

16 As a matter of fact, my family history
17 kind of ties to Scotland, no offense to those from
18 Ireland, and I appreciate that.

19 And, I did have the opportunity to visit
20 Ireland. It's a beautiful country.

21 And, like I said, I do support this and
22 hopefully all of the arrangements that everyone is
23 working together and collectively, but let's just all
24 work together, become more informed, more involved, and
25 more engaged, more supportive. Thank you.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thanks, Mrs. Mereday.

2 I don't have any other slips on Item
3 Number 7.

4 Is there anybody who did not sign in
5 that wishes to be heard in Item Number 7?

6 (Whereupon, no comments were heard.
7 After, the following ensued.)

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, then I'm going
9 to thank Tom and everybody for coming out and speaking
10 today and giving us their perspective.

11 I'm going to ask now if I have a
12 motion.

13 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I move the
14 Public Hearing be closed and we reserve decision.

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor
21 Goosby?

22 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

24 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Just so any of the
3 members who came to speak, their decision was reserved.

4 I think the Town will come to a decision
5 in the next few calendars.

6 We'll let you know immediately.

7 There was one or two items that I think
8 wanted to be checked on.

9 Tom and the Doctor, of course, we will
10 keep you informed and you'll let the residents know.

11 And, again, we appreciate all of you
12 coming out and, you know what and your passion for the
13 subject.

14 And, of course, we will let everybody know
15 when we have the final vote on it.

16 And, it's good to see and he didn't speak,
17 and I don't know how you didn't drag in somebody else
18 from the Franklin Square Historical Society over there.
19 I see him hiding over there.

20 I see you are back from Florida. It's good
21 to see you, but I appreciate all of you coming in tonight
22 and have a wonderful evening.

23 Thank you all very much.

24 With that, Madam Clerk, please, call the
25 Administrative Calendar.

1 CLERK MURRAY: On the Administrative
2 Calendar, we have Items 8 through 60, but we also have
3 two items that are of an Emergency or Urgent Nature.

4 The first is entitled, "a Resolution
5 adopting a S.E.Q.R. Negative Declaration and
6 determination of non-significance in connection with an
7 application for site plan approval for a parcel of land
8 in Roosevelt.

9 And the second is entitled the Resolution
10 approving overall Site plan submitted by Robert Philip
11 Ferraro, architect on behalf of Philip Lacante in
12 connection with building Application 18-5627 for the
13 construction of a three story charter school building
14 with basement.

15 It'll be called the Roosevelt Children's
16 Academy, including associated site improvements located
17 on the northern side of Pleasant Avenue and 223.63 feet
18 West of Hempstead/Babylon Turnpike in Roosevelt.

19 Those two Resolutions that I just read will
20 be added to the Calendar as Items 61 and 62.

21 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Mr. Supervisor, I
22 would recommend that this Board table Item number 35.

23 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I second a
24 motion.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, so I have a

1 motion.

2 Well, can I have a motion to table Item 35.
3 Who's making the motion?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make the motion.

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: To Table Item 35.

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE Yes.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, can I get a
8 second?

9 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

15 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

17 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay. Is there any
21 Member of the Board wish to be heard in any other items
22 on the Administrative Calendar?

23 (Whereupon, no comments were heard.

24 After, the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, I have a couple

1 of slips in here. We'll start off with Melissa Jaffe.
2 If you go to the back and give your name and address at
3 the back podium. Thank you. Good evening.

4 Name and address, please, thanks.

5 MELISSA JAFFE: Melissa Jaffe, Merrick,
6 New York.

7 I'm opposing Number 52.

8 We want to know why you're moving Emily
9 Derenze.

10 She has placed over 10,300 dogs and cats
11 since 2013, and that's a thousand thirty dogs a year.

12 We want to know why you're doing that.

13 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Mr. Supervisor,
14 I would caution in responding at all to this inquiry or
15 any inquiries like it.

16 I have a feeling there'll be other people
17 coming up for the very simple reason that there is a
18 possibility of pending litigation.

19 As the Town Attorney, I received a letter
20 from an individual purporting to represent the employee
21 in question, and as a result, because of the possibility
22 of pending litigation and this is - -

23 MELISSA JAFFE: So, what happens, you're
24 guilty before you have a chance to even - - Emily
25 doesn't have a chance to fight this. She just gets

1 moved.

2 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Most
3 respectfully, as I said to you - -

4 MELISSA JAFFE: I'm sorry, I can't hear.

5 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Most
6 respectfully, as I said to you, this is a matter that
7 involves litigation and as a result, it should not be
8 discussed here.

9 MELISSA JAFFE: So, then, this should be
10 tabled until this matter is taken care of until you have
11 an answer whether she's guilty or not.

12 How do you vote on something where you have
13 no idea what the story is?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Respectfully,
15 you've raised the word, "guilty."

16 To be quite frank, I don't think to my
17 knowledge, she hasn't been charged with anything or
18 anybody.

19 MELISSA JAFFE: So, then, how do you move
20 somebody where you don't even know what the truth is?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: Well, the
22 Personnel decisions as far as where people work and where
23 they do not work is something that's decided by the
24 administration, and the people down at - -

25 MELISSA JAFFE: The taxpayers pay the

1 administration. So I don't really understand how that's
2 working.

3 So since I'm not going to get an answer
4 like all the other times that I've been here and not get
5 answers and most of you up there just sit there doodling
6 or thinking about what you ate for dinner, I'm not going
7 to continue.

8 But here is many, many letters from rescue
9 organizations that are also opposing the situation of
10 moving Emily.

11 We don't really understand what's
12 happening.

13 We put people into positions like Mr.
14 Malone, who basically walks around the Shelter. We don't
15 know what he's doing.

16 Walked away from Ellen Fuschillo when I
17 wanted to introduce.

18 By the way, she sends her regards to
19 everybody tonight and wishes that she could be here, but
20 she's celebrating her birthday, and for her birthday,
21 wish she asked that everybody do the right thing.

22 Thanks.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.
24 Okay, next, I have Danielle Guzardo.

25 How are you doing? If you give your name

1 and address for the record, please.

2 DANIELLE GUZARDO: Danielle Guzardo, North
3 Hempstead.

4 I am here to speak about Item Number 52 on
5 the Administrative Calendar opposing the transfer of
6 Emily Derenze as a Volunteer at the Town of Hempstead
7 Animal Shelter.

8 I am here to speak about Emily, who for
9 the last over nine years has worked at the Shelter under
10 the Civil Service title of "Community Research
11 Assistant."

12 With her experience of over 16 years of
13 animal rescue, she has developed that title into her role
14 as "Rescue Coordinator."

15 But these titles do not come close to
16 encompassing all that she does.

17 Emily has acquired and managed hundreds of
18 relationships with rescue organizations, the same
19 organizations that have assisted this Town with pulling
20 dogs who otherwise would have continued to sit in the
21 kennel using up taxpayer dollars.

22 She is a one-woman social media machine
23 who promotes the dogs, working beyond clock in and out
24 times, getting them noticed and out of the Shelter again,
25 saving taxpayer dollars.

1 She has even kept dogs in her office who
2 need time outside of the kennels.

3 I personally thanked her for keeping a dog
4 post surgery who was in pain and in desperate need of a
5 place to recuperate.

6 Emily kept this dog in her office and
7 walked her several times a day, each day, when most staff
8 couldn't even get close to the dog.

9 And, yes, she spends every day with several
10 dogs walking and socializing them.

11 As salaries are public information. I have
12 seen Emily's and for all that she does and for so much
13 more, I have to mention, it's a joke.

14 That is why it's bewildering that someone
15 with this much dedication and passion to her role is
16 being forced to transfer to the Conservation and
17 Waterways Department.

18 So why Emily?

19 Why someone who makes peanuts in term of a
20 salary, who has an incredible skill set for animals,
21 countless connections to rescues, and one of the hardest
22 workers that I know is being moved out?

23 Is it a coincidence that this follows
24 Christy Fonti, another qualified and dedicated
25 professional, merely a month ago being forced to resign

1 solely due to a personal vendetta from one member of the
2 public?

3 This isn't about qualifications or
4 improving the life of these animals or even saving
5 taxpayer dollars.

6 This is about you, Supervisor Clavin,
7 catering to a malicious grudge by one member of the
8 public.

9 The same person who you stated to News 12
10 during your 2019 election debate was one of the top five
11 campaigners for Laura Gillen.

12 Now, you're bending over every way
13 possible to secure these campaign benefits for yourself
14 in this year's election.

15 You're attempting to remove a second
16 dedicated, qualified individual from our Animal Shelter
17 in a month.

18 You're catering to the wrong single voice
19 and not listening to the group that is sitting in front
20 of you.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

22 Next, I'm going to call up Sandy Unger?

23 Sandy Unger? Sandy Unger? Okay. Do you
24 not want to speak?

25 How are you doing? If you give your

1 name and address of the record. Thank you.

2 SANDY UNGER: Sandy Unger, Levittown.

3 Okay, I'm just going to read this. Not a
4 great public speaker, but this is important.

5 This is about Emily Tannan Derenze Number
6 52 on your agenda.

7 I have been a resident of Town of
8 Hempstead for almost 20 years.

9 For all those years and then some, I've
10 been involved with rescue.

11 I know Emily Tannan Derenze for about
12 that long, as well.

13 We worked together with rescue
14 operations when she was at the ACC and when she was
15 involved with Adopt New York, a group dedicated to
16 holding adoption events and advertising to help the
17 rescues get the word out for their animals.

18 I then continued to work with her at
19 TOHAS.

20 In a nutshell, the Shelter without Emily
21 will be in dire straits.

22 Not only does Emily get the info needed
23 accurately with lightning speed, she also does not care
24 what time of day or night it is.

25 Her goal is to help these animals no

1 matter what.

2 She works tirelessly hand in hand with the
3 rescues to accomplish this.

4 Emily is also TOHAS's Queen of Social
5 media, dog posts, cat posts, rabbit posts, Facebook,
6 Instagram, the list goes on.

7 Emily is not scheduled - - Even when
8 Emily is not scheduled to work, she will work any way to
9 help these animals get a home or go to rescue.

10 I, personally, have texted her when she
11 was not in the office, and she responds immediately and
12 helps me to help these animals.

13 Examples of Emily in action; Number 1, I
14 had a friend, an adopter for a resident of TOHAS, a five
15 year old bait dog, heavily scarred.

16 When I called to say I was on my way
17 there with the potential adopters, the person who
18 answered the phone told me she was no longer available.
19 They had an application.

20 I knew that was not correct, so I called
21 Emily to verify.

22 She said she is most certainly available,
23 and the APP was not a match.

24 If I would have listened to the person on
25 the phone, TOHAS would have lost the adoption and the

1 great dog would not have left the building that day.

2 Number 2, I needed a transport of a dog that was brought
3 in from a fighting ring.

4 This is personal to me. As we pulled and
5 I adopted one of those dogs from the same place.

6 After our foster met the dog previously,
7 she gave the go ahead, so my rescue pulled the dog, but
8 we had no way to get her to the foster's home.

9 Emily personally drove that dog on a
10 Saturday day off to my foster's house, and the rest was
11 history.

12 No one has more dedication and passion
13 for these animals than Emily.

14 Yes, she has a family and obligations
15 that need her attention as well, but she will always have
16 the time and the energy to help a TOHAS animal leave the
17 Shelter.

18 Can you say this about the majority of
19 people you know? Probably not.

20 It would be a major mistake to transfer
21 Emily.

22 We implore you not only as rescue people,
23 but as taxpayers and voters for the Town of Hempstead.
24 It matters. The animals matter. Emily matters. Thank
25 you.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms.
2 Unger.

3 Karina Weiss? How are you doing? If
4 you give your name and address for the record thank you.

5 KARINA WEISS: Karina Weiss,
6 Hicksville.

7 I'm here because I do oppose to
8 Resolution 52, the transfer of Emily.

9 So last election - - wait a second. I'm
10 too short for this.

11 Last election, I voted for you, Mr.
12 Clavin.

13 I thought my vote should go to a
14 conservative family man active in the community and that
15 owns a dog.

16 We even happen to like the same peanut
17 butter brand.

18 Recently, I learned that I actually
19 voted for the average politician who makes the more
20 convenient decisions for specific citizens or for the
21 government itself.

22 By caving to one particular citizen's
23 wish to control this Town's Animal Shelter policies and
24 its employees, you are enabling regression.

25 She calls herself an animal advocate.

1 And as fancy as that sounds, there is absolutely nothing
2 to praise about this person.

3 As you know, a tyrant and a citizen that
4 instead of advocating for the animals by caring for them,
5 providing them with comfort, or even fostering or
6 adopting them, instead chooses to criticize over and over
7 sheltered staff and volunteers, also your taxpayers, and
8 manipulates the Town Board.

9 Yes, you, all for the glory of calling
10 it a reform victory on her social media outlets.

11 As talented as she believes she is, she
12 couldn't even run a small league rescue around the corner
13 simply because she doesn't have the animal's best
14 interest in her mind.

15 Unfortunately, after losing an amazing
16 trainer like Christy Fanti, we are now on the verge of
17 losing another skilled, experienced, compassionate, hard
18 working professional such as Emily Derenze.

19 TOHAS made incredible progress over the
20 past few years with their work and tireless dedication,
21 tireless dedication.

22 Currently, we walk backwards just to cater
23 to one individual's demands who made lawsuits her way of
24 living.

25 I'm pleading before you because I rather

1 believe the good in people, that's how I was brought up.

2 If today was your last day alive, what
3 would matter the most, to please one delusional person or
4 to do the right thing by the people who are there for the
5 animals on a daily basis? Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms. Weiss.
7 Next. I have Francesca Serra.

8 FRANCESCA SERRA: Francesca Serra and I
9 live in Huntington, New York.

10 Good evening, Supervisor Clavin and Town
11 Board Members.

12 I'm here, tonight, to voice my opposition
13 on the Resolution to transfer Emily Tannen from the
14 Animal Shelter to the Conservation and Waterways
15 Department.

16 Ms. Tannan is an invaluable employee of
17 the Shelter and moving her to another department is not
18 only retaliatory, it's incredibly foolish.

19 Ms. Tannan has been a tireless advocate
20 for the dogs and cats at TOHAS for almost ten years.

21 Not only is she responsible for
22 successfully placing countless dogs with rescue
23 organizations with whom she cultivated relationships, but
24 she single handedly built the Shelter's social media from
25 scratch.

1 A strong social media presence is
2 essential to attracting adopters and rescue
3 organizations.

4 Because of Ms. Tannan, the Shelter has
5 over 45,000 followers on Instagram and Facebook combined,
6 posting nights, weekends, and holidays.

7 This Mom of three's work doesn't end
8 after she clocks out.

9 The pro that she is, she knows it's
10 crucial to post constantly in order to keep followers
11 engaged.

12 Additionally, she's responsible for the
13 kennel cards, pet tangle profiles and BIOS for all dogs
14 and cats, the boards in the hallways, the slideshow in
15 the lobby, that's all Emily.

16 We all know this move is punitive in
17 nature and isn't at all based on job performance.

18 If it was, Emily would have been given a
19 long-overdue raise and a promotion.

20 But because Hempstead is so
21 dysfunctional, she's being penalized for ending up on
22 some pretend animal advocates hit list.

23 You already drove out Christie Fanti, the
24 Shelter's beloved and talented trainer.

25 How many more people are you willing to

1 sacrifice in order to feed the beast?

2 I guarantee it will never be enough.

3 They will always want more.

4 As a volunteer who cares deeply about the
5 TOHAS animals, I am begging you to reconsider this
6 decision and keep Ms. Tannen at the Shelter where she
7 belongs.

8 Your vote, tonight, will speak volumes,
9 and your constituents are listening. Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

11 Next, I have Marcia Barrios. No? Okay, next, I have
12 Phyllis Federici? Phyllis Federici?

13 If you could just give your name and
14 address for the record. Thank you.

15 PHYLLIS FEDERICI: My name is Phyllis
16 Federici and I live in the Town of Hempstead.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: How you doing?

18 PHYLLIS FEDERICI: I am here, tonight, to
19 talk about Emily, Emily Derenze.

20 What do you say about her?

21 She's tough.

22 She knows her stuff.

23 She handles the dogs. She's got a heart
24 of gold, and she's got tons of connections in the rescue
25 area.

1 You lose Emily, you lose everything.

2 What we need to do is to get this Board
3 to understand that listening to one, I'm going to use
4 this word everybody else is using, "delusional,"
5 individual, you are losing so many good people at the
6 Town of Hempstead, especially at the Shelter.

7 You've already lost Christie Fanti by
8 making bad decisions.

9 Now, you're going to lose Emily, and you
10 already lost Mike Pestori.

11 Everybody forgets about Mike.

12 He was also a big part at the Shelter.

13 This person has a hit list, and now you're
14 three down.

15 And, she says that, that's arrivederci
16 times three so far.

17 That was what was written on her Facebook
18 post.

19 Is that a nice thing to say about people
20 losing their jobs, losing their livelihood?

21 And you know who's responsible for it?
22 All of you sitting behind that desk, you are responsible.

23 So, we are here to ask you to table this,
24 do the right thing and listen to people who really have
25 their heart and soul in the Shelter and not people who

1 just walk around taking pictures and saying all the
2 negative things about the Shelter.

3 Thank you for your time.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

5 Next, I have Jill Cohen. Name and address
6 for the record. Thank you.

7 JILL COHEN: Jill Cohen from Bellmore.

8 I'm actually reading a letter on behalf of
9 Ashley Georgia from Washington State.

10 She has a Rescue the Pity Project that has
11 close connections with Emily.

12 So, this is a letter that I'm going to
13 read.

14 "To whom it may concern: It has been
15 brought to our attention that a key member of the team of
16 the Town and Hempstead Animal Shelter, Emily Derenze is
17 being put in a position to no longer work at the Shelter.

18 "To say that this would be a detrimental
19 mistake on your behalf would be an understatement.

20 "We are already informed that you have
21 pushed out the trainer from the Shelter.

22 "This is beyond concerning. Considering
23 training is a crucial part of evaluating these dogs and
24 ensuring that they are placed in appropriate situations.

25 "It now seems you are doing the same

1 thing to Miss Derenze. Building relationships with
2 adopters and rescue groups is extremely important in
3 fields and removing the team from everyone has been
4 working, including us, for this reason in the past few
5 years is very unsettling.

6 "We have flown over now twice and driven
7 dogs back to Washington State to join our program. These
8 trips have included rescue only pups, such as, King, Leo,
9 Socrates, Baby and Thor. We were also able to welcome
10 Bart and Ox into our program who are thriving in forever
11 homes. Ox has actually just passed all of his tests and
12 is officially a certified service dog trainer for PTSD.

13 "The only reason we have been willing to
14 do this is because of the trusted relationships we have
15 developed with this team. Emily being the lead.

16 "We have had nothing but incredible
17 experiences with the staff, volunteers and dogs and that
18 we have met from TOHAS.

19 "We even ended up adopting Socrates as
20 our personal pet and has been the most best addition to
21 our family. This was only possible because of Emily.
22 Her and Christie worked so hard with these dogs. Their
23 ability to properly evaluate the dogs is what has set
24 everyone up for success.

25 "Emily told us everything we needed to

1 know about Socrates and his friends, which in turn
2 allowed us to continue their training and ultimately to
3 their success in the home.

4 "We have plans to come back again this
5 year to welcome more dogs into our program, but we need
6 the team there that we know and trust.

7 "Emily's dedication is the only thing
8 that allows rescue groups, especially ones from out of
9 State to welcome dogs from our Shelter into their
10 program. To lose her at your Shelter would result in
11 losing the relationships and devastating to the animals
12 in your Shelter."

13 I have to say, the three volunteers me,
14 Melissa and Leslie went to go visit her program this past
15 September and I can't even tell you how amazing it is and
16 how wonderful and what great lives these dogs have. And
17 it'd be a shame to lose this group, this rescue group,
18 and any other ones.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms.
20 Cohen.

21 Next, I have Christine Moreno.

22 CHRISTINE MORANO: Christie Morano, but
23 you probably know me as Christie Fanti. I'm your former
24 trainer at the Shelter.

25 I've worked with Emily for six years at

1 TOHAS.

2 You'll be really hard pressed to find
3 somebody at TOHAS who is as fiercely dedicated as she is
4 to the animals.

5 She's also next in line to be removed
6 from the Shelter, as we predicted.

7 Everyone knows the four people Diane
8 Madden has attacked the most, Mike Pestori was first.

9 I was, of course, a close second.

10 Emily is third.

11 And I already heard the Town has hired a
12 new Vet, Dr. Siegel being number four.

13 These four people have one important
14 thing in common, they have a long, dedicated career in
15 the field and TOHAS is not their first rodeo, they have
16 decades of experience, care, continuing education,
17 accolades and knowledge.

18 The fact of the matter is, you're
19 systemically removing anyone who would stand in the way
20 and point out how badly you are now sinking the ship.

21 There is not a sudden need in Conservation
22 and Waterways. No one has left. And certainly in the
23 dead of Winter, one can assume there is less work there
24 than usual.

25 For years, we have all dealt with these

1 false narratives, bullying, intimidation and lies from a
2 very small yet vile group of self-proclaimed advocates.

3 The difference between then and now is
4 you had professionals still doing excellent work.

5 Now, you have actual advocates' attention
6 who are perplexed as to why you are actively ruining the
7 chances for the animals to make it safely into a home
8 with each choice you're making, and one by one, you're
9 removing these experts. That's it.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

11 Next, I have Eileen Osmers.

12 Good evening. If you give your name and
13 address for the record thank you.

14 EILEEN OSMERS: Yes, Eileen Osmers,
15 Huntington Station.

16 I'm Founder and Director of Golden Paw
17 Society, a cat rescue on Long Island and working closely
18 with Emily Derenze.

19 Over the past ten years, we've rescued
20 over 2000 cats from the Town of Hempstead, alone, mostly
21 adults or senior cats, FIV cats, cats less likely to be
22 adopted.

23 I'm here to state that I'm vehemently
24 opposed to the transfer of Emily Derenze from her
25 position of Rescue Coordinator at the Town of Hempstead

1 Animal Shelter.

2 Although I stand here alone, I've been
3 given permission to state that this transfer is
4 considered to be a shocking, inexcusable mistake that
5 would not only be done completely against Emily's will,
6 but against the wills of each of the following people
7 from the following rescues. I have a list here. I
8 wanted to read it, but the list has grown throughout the
9 day.

10 So, I'm going to submit these names as
11 37 names of individuals and rescues.

12 We all stand here together
13 collectively and in collaboration with Emily Derenze,
14 we've rescued thousands of animals from the Town of
15 Hempstead, and in large part because of who Emily is and
16 the relationship she's fostered with each one of us over
17 the past ten years.

18 It is because of Emily's compassionate
19 advocacy for these animals that we've been able to be
20 there for the animals who've needed us the most.

21 Emily is 100 percent devoted to the
22 animals in the Shelter and committed to not only making
23 sure they receive proper care and attention while there,
24 but that they each find a most suitable placement.

25 Emily truly knows the animals and

1 reaches out whenever she comes across the one she knows
2 needs the extra care that we as a rescue, can provide.

3 Even after we rescue a cat from the
4 shelter, Emily is available at all hours to answer any
5 questions or concerns about the cats.

6 Emily cares deeply about the animals
7 who enter the Shelter and those who leave.

8 And this is the kind of person the
9 animals need working on their behalf.

10 This is not a 9:00 to 5:00 job.

11 This is a critically important hands-on
12 front-line position and Emily lives it to the fullest.

13 It is unimaginable to consider having
14 her talent wasted by removing her to a random clerical
15 position.

16 It simply makes no sense. Which brings
17 us to the elephant in the room. Not sure if the elephant
18 is here.

19 In addition to running a rescue, I'm a
20 full-time Teacher on Long Island and one of the most
21 important lessons we teach our students is that if you
22 see something, you say something.

23 Every single person in this room and
24 anyone, even not in this room, who's watching or
25 listening, knows that there is one bully who's making

1 life miserable for others and who's behind this sudden
2 and radical transfer.

3 And there is no way that we can all
4 stand here or sit there and do nothing when someone good
5 is being mistreated. We have to do something.

6 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.

7 After, the following ensued.)

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

9 Next, I have Angelo Moreno? Angela
10 Moreno?

11 Okay. Marissa McGivey. If you give me
12 name and address for the record. Thank you.

13 MARISSA MCGIVEY: My name is Marissa
14 McGivey. I'm a Lynbrook resident. Did you guys all know
15 it's biologically impossible to multitask when people are
16 speaking?

17 With all due respect, I can't help but
18 wonder why we are here.

19 It's kind of like how this County and
20 Island has flipped parties because they are sick of
21 politicians that make decisions not on behalf of
22 citizens, but behalf of your donors.

23 I've worked in law firms for over a
24 decade, and I find that the only way anything in animal
25 welfare will be changed is by attacking it legislatively.

1 I know firsthand how all the
2 elections, the donors, the under the table deals, how
3 each Party bargains with the other so each others get in.

4 I know all of the secrets, especially
5 of some of you, as well.

6 I have been doing animal rescue my
7 whole life and as a kid, I would volunteer at the
8 Shelter.

9 I started then getting into it as an
10 adult, assisting in different hurricanes and the local
11 Shelter like the Town of Hempstead.

12 I found that dealing with the people
13 was one of the biggest struggles in rescue.

14 It's not the type of job I can tell you
15 firsthand that you just fill with anyone.

16 I had to take a break for years because
17 I couldn't handle the people anymore.

18 With that being said, the Town of
19 Hempstead Animal Shelter has been something that's been
20 important.

21 However, when I recently started
22 networking the animals at the Shelter and social media, I
23 was facilitating rescues and I had to work with Emily.

24 From the first interaction, I was blown
25 away with how different Emily was from anyone I've worked

1 with in rescue, and I've worked with thousands.

2 She is one of those rare people that is
3 not driven by ego and truly just wants what's best for
4 the animals.

5 She is the one with the outside context
6 to the rescues.

7 Why would you remove a highly qualified
8 underpaid employee and put her in a position for water
9 conservation?

10 Stop and think about that for a second.
11 You have all these people here passionate about a woman
12 that's positively reflecting your Town and you want to
13 remove her based on politics.

14 Why else would this be happening?

15 It just doesn't make any sense. So you
16 guys can all sit there and fidget and not pay attention
17 and go ahead.

18 But I can promise you, if you thought you
19 had a thorn in your side with one person, you don't want
20 my thorn in your side.

21 For some reason, the Supervisor does
22 anything and everything someone wants that doesn't want
23 to help the animals.

24 She is not a shelter employee, nor is she
25 a Town of Hempstead Shelter.

1 She causes nothing but drama and problems
2 at the Shelter for reasons that are unknown.

3 If this transfer goes through, I will
4 have no choice but to launch investigations into all your
5 donors to find out why this is happening.

6 There is no other logical explanation
7 why you would do this.

8 So if I have to do that, it's not a
9 threat. I just want to know what's good for the Town.

10 I want to save my fellow taxpayer monies.
11 So again, I personally find myself here wondering why
12 you'd be doing this, why you would take someone out that
13 cares so much about the animals?

14 And I promise you, the rescue community is
15 not people that you want to upset. Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

17 Next, I have Meta Mereday. How you doing?
18 Name and address for the record. Thanks.

19 META MEREDAY: Ha ha, ha, don't feel bad,
20 he doesn't look at any of us either, so it's okay. Meta
21 J. Mereday.

22 At this point, I definitely concur that
23 you need to review 52 for all of this.

24 But sadly, in the midst of this being the
25 last day of Black History Month, even though every day is

1 Black History and the diverse history of all those who
2 have been a part of this American journey, unfortunately
3 it's not going to happen.

4 Considering if anybody's been a part of
5 the redistricting process and yes, before anybody looks
6 up to decide that, I need to speak about the Admin
7 Calendar, all of this ties into the redistricting, the
8 sham that was redistricting.

9 The definition of treachery is betrayal
10 by someone that you no longer trust.

11 So, as I stand before a group that I can
12 no longer trust but, unfortunately, you administer my tax
13 dollars, I have again issues with regard to some of the
14 decisions that are being made.

15 So, back to the agenda while I'm still
16 within my paltry three minutes; Items 10, 18, 19, 24 and
17 42, I'd like somebody to answer the question with regard
18 to if these contracts are going to be given to anyone
19 that maybe looks like me, the same gender as me or
20 possibly a service disabled veteran?

21 And I'm at 1:36. Appreciate the clock
22 being stopped while I get that answer.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Lombardi, if
24 you'd identify yourself. Thank you.

25 META MEREDAY: I'm sorry, you're speaking

1 too fast. You're not looking me in the eye because I was
2 always taught people look folks in the eye if you're
3 addressing them.

4 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LOMBARDI: Good
5 evening, Town Board: Dominick Lombardi, Deputy Town
6 Comptroller.

7 All of these contracts have been bid out
8 within New York state law and New York State, as well as,
9 Town policy.

10 In regard to your question, I would have
11 to go back and look to see if anybody fits the
12 descriptions you're talking about.

13 However, they have been and we hope
14 tonight will be awarded in accordance with the law that
15 we follow, which is again New York State law, as well as,
16 our policies here in the Town of Hempstead.

17 META MEREDAY: Okay, well, I'd appreciate
18 that list, because unfortunately, again, when we talk
19 about following New York State law, the New York State
20 home rule, neither was the John Lewis New York State
21 Voting Rights Bill or the 14th or 15th Amendment followed
22 with the segregated maps that have now divided many
23 districts and communities in the Township of Hempstead,
24 or I should, now, say the segregated Township of
25 Hempstead.

1 Number 40, with regard to this rebate, how
2 much is it and where is it going as far as the
3 communities that would be positively impacted?

4 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LOMBARDI: Good evening,
5 Supervisor, Members of the Board:

6 Ma'am, it doesn't impact any communities.
7 Simply, we entered into new lease with our golf carts.

8 And, at the time of doing it, there was a
9 rebate offered to supplement the payment.

10 And, this is just us ratifying it later on
11 after but we already received the new golf carts and it
12 has nothing to do with any communities, basically.

13 META MEREDAY: So, this is just what, a
14 service project kind of rebate?

15 There's no actual cash outlay that's coming
16 back to the Town?

17 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LOMBARDI: No, it's to
18 supplement the overall cost. And they're electric golf
19 carts, so it was offered at the time that we went to
20 renew our lease with our golf carts.

21 And this is the rebate coming back to us.

22 META MEREDAY: Great, Thank you.

23 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LOMBARDI: You're
24 welcome.

25 META MEREDAY: Number 8 in Baldwin. Where

1 is the house?

2 And, while he's coming up again, I can only
3 hope that there is some kind of justice for this close
4 out of this month and that you will reconsider since you
5 have the Town Attorney speak with regard to Item 52, that
6 we're looking at a lawsuit.

7 There's just so many lawsuits that the
8 taxpayers cannot afford to pay.

9 Clearly, it speaks for itself that you need
10 to kind of address that, but you don't mind spending our
11 money, so that's clear.

12 Now I just encourage people to register to
13 vote and vote people out.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Commissioner, if you
15 identify yourself. Thanks.

16 COMMISSIONER JAWITZ: Fred Jawitz,
17 Department of Buildings, Town of Hempstead.

18 That is on Grand Avenue, in Baldwin. All
19 of these particular resolutions are for board-ups, for
20 eminent danger, structural safety, and protection of the
21 community.

22 META MEREDAY: Okay. And, I can get that
23 address from you just so I can share it with the Baldwin
24 resident?

25 COMMISSIONER JAWITZ: I'll be happy to go

1 back and give it to you.

2 META MEREDAY: I appreciate that.

3 Last item is Number 15. With regard to
4 the portable toilets and the rentals, were any of these
5 toilets going to be utilized in Henry Street Park in
6 Roosevelt?

7 Because I know there were some residents
8 there that were looking for some type of, you know,
9 toilet, possibly portable, since so many other Parks have
10 many other amenities that, unfortunately, communities of
11 color seem to be missing

12 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Ms. Mereday,
13 every year we always get the potties for the children,
14 every year, since I've been here.

15 META MEREDAY: They're finally getting a
16 toilet at Henry Street.

17 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I didn't say a
18 toilet. They're getting what they're getting.

19 META MEREDAY: Can they get, like, maybe a
20 real toilet?

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: We have two big
22 tanks, water tanks under there.

23 META MEREDAY: Wow.

24 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Okay. Do you
25 want us to put the toilet so it goes into the water?

1 That's it.

2 META MEREDAY: Okay.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms.

4 Mereday.

5 META MEREDAY: I didn't get the answer to
6 my last one that I put on before my time was up.

7 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LOMBARDI: Ms.

8 Mereday, this is a Town-wide contract that's used in
9 various locations all across the Town whenever the Town
10 needs portable toilets, whether it be for events or for
11 various other reasons, but that's what it's for.

12 META MEREDAY: I see. Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

14 META MEREDAY: Table 52.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Next, I have Felix
16 Procacci. How are you doing? Name and address.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci, Franklin
18 Square.

19 Items Number 13 and 41, the associated
20 records that references are not provided.

21 So, I ask once again, I don't think
22 you've been providing the other stuff I asked for.

23 I'd like you to publish it on the website
24 like you do - - you're required to by law.

25 On Item Number 43, you're hiring a dog

1 training company, but the hourly rate is not provided,
2 nor is the agreement provided.

3 So, once again, can you provide those
4 three documents so I don't have to FOIL them?

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: John, okay.

6 TOWN ATTORNEY MACCARONE: We'll address
7 that tomorrow.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay. Thank you.

9 On Item Number 60, I object to the
10 calling of this Public Hearing because this moratorium
11 serves no legitimate purpose.

12 According to the text of this
13 legislation, the moratorium was enacted after numerous
14 verbal conversations.

15 Apparently, no formal studies were done.
16 The Town put this moratorium in place five months ago
17 because a lot of people protested the new zoning approved
18 three years earlier.

19 The spending of another \$400,000 plus on
20 engineering studies to take a hard look at approval
21 procedures will not change the resident's opposition to
22 this.

23 This Town used a similar reason back in
24 2016 when the Town Board enacted a moratorium for the
25 Woodmere Club property.

1 After a two year moratorium, the Supreme
2 Court ruled the Town's moratorium illegal and the Town
3 rezoned the property, allowing the average of two housing
4 units per acre.

5 What the Town Board should do to save
6 taxpayer money is let the moratorium expire and write an
7 urgent resolution right now calling for a hearing to
8 rescind the zoning areas covered by this moratorium and
9 start all over again.

10 I've been coming here twelve and a half
11 years. Who's counting?

12 I've never been never seen a group of
13 people come and protest one individual so much.

14 And you haven't looked in them in their
15 eye.

16 You don't look in my eye when I'm talking
17 either.

18 But they took their time out of their
19 day to come here.

20 And I don't see a lot of people coming
21 down for a lot of things here.

22 But they did come down, and you should
23 take what they're saying very seriously.

24 And unless every one of you absolutely
25 knows that this needs to be done personally, I would

1 recommend that you do table that item. Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thanks, Mr.
3 Procacci.

4 I don't have any other slips on the
5 Administrative Calendars, anybody did not sign in and has
6 been heard wishes to on the Administrative Calendar?

7 If you just come to the back and give
8 your name and address. Thank you.

9 MARCIA DiTIERRI: Marcia DiTierri,
10 Merrick, New York.

11 I wasn't aware that Emily was being
12 transferred.

13 I'm a short time volunteer at the
14 Animal Shelter, and I do see some good changes. I do
15 like Ashley. She's there full time. That's a big thing.

16 But as far as Emily, I've met her a
17 few times. She gave me her cell number. I have her
18 contact. I do photography. She asked for any photos
19 that would help get these animals adopted.

20 And, in my heart, it's all about the
21 animals.

22 And, if you take someone out of there
23 with so many animals that need homes, there's more dogs,
24 since people are being evicted after COVID, now they're
25 being evicted and all their animals are at the Shelter.

1 So. there's more dogs there that have
2 been there for a very long time.

3 And, if she's there to advocate and
4 get them either into a rescue or a home, please do not
5 transfer her. It should be all about the animals. Thank
6 you.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mr.
8 DiTierri.

9 All right. Can I have a Motion on
10 Administrative Calendar?

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I move that we
12 adopt the Administrative Calendar in his entity less Item
13 35. That was tabled earlier.

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Can I get a second.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?

21 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?

23 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

25 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: A Motion to adjourn.
2 Thank you, Madam Clerk.
3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion to
4 adjourn.
5 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Second.
6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?
7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.
8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?
9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.
10 CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby?
11 DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye.
12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller?
13 COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye.
14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?
15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.
16 (Whereupon, the official Meeting of the
17 Hempstead Town Board was concluded.)
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing Verbatim Transcript of the Town of Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on February 28, 2023 consisting of pages 1 through 80 is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

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