

**REGULAR MEETING  
SOUTH NYACK BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Bonnie Christian  
Deputy Mayor Alain Leinbach  
Trustee Andrew Goodwillie  
Trustee Charles Boone

**ALSO PRESENT:** Village Clerk Jill Schwarz  
Village Attorney Jim Birnbaum  
Police Chief Brent Newbury  
Task Force Member Nancy Willen  
Village Residents

**ABSENT:** Trustee Catherine McCue

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Christian called the open session to order at 7:30pm. Laura Steinberger read aloud a letter expressing concerns regarding the New NY Bridge project's Shared Use Path which is attached to and part of these minutes. Peter Smolin read aloud a letter noting his thanks to the Mayor for her part in the Department of Transportation's relocation of the two bus stops to Road F and expressing his concerns regarding the SUP, Esposito Trail and buses. Task Force member, Nancy Willen inquired about the status of the Task Force. Other residents expressed their concerns about the Shared Use Path (SUP), bicyclists, buses and proposed bus stops. Trustee Goodwillie read aloud the preamble of the Village's Zoning Code about preserving the character of the Village and maintaining property values, and discussed the benefits of Concept F refined.

Trustee Goodwillie moved as follows:

**#56 RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and the Board of Trustees hold a public meeting at the earliest possible date between all relevant stakeholders including the Board of Trustees, residents, New York State Thruway Authority, Department of Transportation and State Police to discuss the existing Shared Use Path Concept F and the refined Concept F.

This resolution was seconded by Trustee Boone and unanimously adopted.

Mayor Christian closed the open session at 8:58pm.

**MINUTES:** Upon motion by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, seconded by Trustee Boone, the corrected minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 2016 were adopted on a 4-0 vote. Trustee Goodwillie abstained due to his absence from the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**REPORTS:**

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer's report was submitted.

Deputy Mayor Leinbach noted that the Village's next Electronic Waste Collection will be on January 7, 2017 – 9:00am – 12:00pm at the DPW Garage.

Deputy Mayor Leinbach commented that the sidewalk is closed in front of 60 & 70 Cedar Hill Avenue and pedestrians are walking in the road instead of crossing the street to walk on the sidewalk.

Trustee Goodwillie commented that the removal of debris from the demolition of Pavion has begun and that the trucks are leaving a significant amount of mud on Cedar Hill Avenue. Deputy Mayor Leinbach responded that he will reach out to the Village of Nyack about this concern.

**VILLAGE JUSTICE:** Village Justice report was reviewed. Of the \$10,183.50 in fines collected in November, 2016, \$5,270.00 were retained by the Village, \$4,913.50 went to the State.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SHARED USE PATH:** Mayor Christian stated that she emailed Kathryn Wolf's, of Trowbridge Wolf Michaels Landscape Architects, revised renderings to the Task Force.

**WATERFRONT ZONING COMMITTEE:** Trustee Goodwillie reported on the committee's last two meetings. The next meeting is scheduled on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MUNICIPAL GREEN TEAM:** Trustee Goodwillie reported on his telephone meeting with Kerri Scales of the Rockland County Solid Waste.

**HISTORICAL SIGNAGE UPDATE:** Trustee Goodwillie gave an update on the historical sign project.

There was a discussion about South Nyack, Nyack, Upper Nyack, Friends of the Nyacks, the Nyack Library and the Nyack Historical Society possibly coming together to purchase PDF copies of the Sanborn maps.

**STREET LIGHT BUY-BACK UPDATE:** Trustee Goodwillie reported on the Mid-Hudson Street Light Consortium.

Mayor Christian made a motion at 9:23pm to go into an executive session regarding a personnel matter. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, and unanimously accepted.

Mayor Christian made a motion at 9:55pm to close the executive session. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach, and unanimously accepted.

**REVISED ABSTRACTS:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach and carried, the following revised abstracts of audited vouchers were approved for payment:

Abstract #A17-13 - \$175,720.09

Abstract #B17-13 - \$283,363.21

**PAYMENT OF ABSTRACTS:** Upon a motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Trustee Goodwillie and carried, the following abstracts of audited vouchers were approved for payment:

Abstract #A17-14 – General Fund - \$17,926.14

Abstract #B17-14 – Police - \$2,973.07

There was a discussion about the proposed community meeting to discuss the proposed change to the Esposito Trail and the revised Shared Use Path Concept F. Representatives from the New York State Thruway Authority should be present.

There was no action taken regarding the request for a proclamation for South Nyack Township School Choice Week.

At 10:15pm, upon motion made by Mayor Christian, seconded by Deputy Mayor Leinbach and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schwarz  
Village Clerk

Dear Mayor Christian and village trustees,

During public comments at the December 13th trustee meeting, South Nyack resident Mitchell Warren eloquently identified the need to clarify competing objectives in order to facilitate balanced decision making around the partial paving of the Esposito Trail.

Among the objectives expressed at the meeting were the following:

- protecting green space
- maintaining the residential character of the village
- optimally routing buses
- safely accommodating cyclists, and
- containing tax expenditures.

Perhaps, the commitment of some South Nyack trustees to the partial paving of the Esposito Trail is being shaped by objectives and considerations which were not aired at the meeting. These might include:

- The impact of today's decisions on any future commercial development in South Nyack.
- The repercussions of increasing urbanization and construction in the neighboring the village of Nyack, which will significantly increase its population density and vehicular traffic.
- The alignment (or independence) of development priorities for the villages of South Nyack and Nyack.

South Nyack trustees must openly and publicly debate how these development priorities are informing their positions regarding the Shared Use Path.

As detailed in my earlier correspondence, I assert that the Esposito Trail should not be partially paved. Instead, the current Exit 10 on-ramp should be converted into a secondary access point for cyclists.

I plan to attend the village board meeting on Tuesday, December 27th, and to read this letter into the record.

My husband, Andrew Goodwillie, serves on the South Nyack Village Board. The opinions expressed in this letter are my own.

Thank you for your time, attention, and hard work,

Laura Steinberger