

**VILLAGE OF MANORHAVEN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION
PORT WASHINGTON SENIOR CENTER
80 MANORHAVEN BLVD. - PORT WASHINGTON, NY 11050
JULY 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. - MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER:

Pledge of Allegiance: Bruce Migatz, Esq.

Attendance: Trustee Di Lucia, Trustee Kraft, Trustee Popeleski, Deputy Mayor von Roeschlaub excused; Mayor Avena, Village Clerk-Treasurer Abramski, Village Attorney Leventhal; Waterfront Committee Members; Cameron Engineering and residents.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

ATTORNEY REMARKS: Reiterated the comments of the Mayor that this meeting is not to discuss specific objectives or proposals, but is an opportunity for the waterfront committee to voice their opinions, and for the Board to ask questions.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION:

- Board of Trustees Discussion with the Waterfront Advisory Committee

WATERFRONT COMMENT COMMENTS:

The Board heard comments from the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

NEXT BOT MEETING: July 27, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Motion to close work session by Trustee Popeleski; seconded by Trustee Kraft; unanimously accepted.

Sharon Natalie Abramski, RMC, CMC
Village Clerk-Treasurer
July 13, 2017

GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS SPECIAL WORK SESSION. WE ARE ALL HERE FOR ONE REASON, WE ALL LOVE MANORHAVEN AND WANT THE VILLAGE TO BE THE BEST THAT IT CAN BE. AS ELECTED OFFICIALS, WE TAKE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES VERY SERIOUSLY. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF VILLAGE GOVERNMENT IS ZONING AND LAND USE REGULATION. THAT IS HOW WE DECIDE WHAT KIND OF COMMUNITY WE WANT TO LIVE IN.

WE ALL WANT TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE BEST OF MANORHAVEN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME, INCLUDING ITS NATURAL BEAUTY AND UNIQUE CHARACTER AT THE SAME TIME. WE MUST ALSO CONSIDER THE RIGHTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS, WHO WISH TO USE AND ENJOY THEIR PROPERTIES AND REALIZE A REASONABLE RETURN ON THEIR INVESTMENTS.

TO BE FAIR AND RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR COMMUNITY, WE MUST LISTEN TO ALL POINTS OF VIEW, AND CAREFULLY EVALUATE THE ALTERNATIVES. THAT IS WHY I APPOINTED A WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS MET OVER THE PAST YEAR TO DEVELOP ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. ONCE WE HAVE HEARD THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS WE WILL CONSIDER THEM, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND THE EXPERT ADVICE OF CONSULTANTS HIRED BY THE VILLAGE. WE HAVE ENGAGED THE FIRM OF CAMERON ENGINEERING TO ASSIST US IN ANALYZING THE NEEDS OF OUR VILLAGE AND IN DEVELOPING SPECIFIC PROPOSALS. ANY CHANGES TO THE ZONING CODE WOULD REQUIRE SEVERAL LEGAL STEPS, INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND REFERRAL TO THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, AMONG OTHERS.

AT EVERY STEP, WE WILL GIVE THE PUBLIC A FULL AND FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. BUT TONIGHT, WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE ARE NOT HERE TO DISCUSS ANY SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL AND WE ARE NOT HERE TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS BEFORE ANY DECISIONS ARE MADE. THERE WILL BE PUBLIC HEARINGS, AT WHICH TIME, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK OR SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN ME IN THANKING THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME AND THANK YOU IN ADVANCE TO EVERYONE HERE TONIGHT FOR LISTENING RESPECTFULLY TO WHAT THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY.