

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton on Hudson, NY was held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Municipal building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Mayor Wiegman
Village Manager Zambrano
Village Attorney Feldman
Treasurer Bullock

Trustee Gallelli
Trustee Murtaugh

1. Mayor Wiegman opened the meeting at 8:00 PM. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Village Manager Zambrano read a statement regarding the recent passing of two citizen volunteers, Ms. Joyce Finnerty, Village Historian and Ms. Ruth Waitkins, ZBA member. A moment of silence was observed.

Trustee Restuccia announced her resignation from the Board of Trustees. She stated that she presented her letter of resignation today and it was accepted by Mayor Wiegman and Village Clerk DiSanto effective immediately. Ms. Restuccia stated that she will be moving to Massachusetts and commented on the wonderful, challenging and productive year; she thanked residents for their support. Ms. Restuccia asked the Board to seriously consider a change to the law for elective terms to 4 years. She thanked the staff, the many volunteers, Mayor Wiegman and Trustees Murtaugh, Gallelli and Olver and the citizens of Croton.

Mayor Wiegman stated that after conferring with the Village Attorney, he has asked Mr. Olver to step into the role and he has accepted. Mr. Olver was appointed to fill the vacancy and will stand for election in eleven months; he will assume the position as of tonight's meeting.

3. Village Clerk DiSanto filed the oath of office for Ann Gallelli, Gregory Schmidt and Richard Olver.
4. Trustee Schmidt made a motion to approve the setting of the meeting place, time and dates as follows. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion, approved unanimously.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS 2010
Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
Regular Meetings start at 8pm. Work sessions start at 7:30pm

April 5	Organizational and Regular Meeting
April 12	Public Hearing on Budget and Budget work session
Saturday April 17	Budget Work Session beginning 1pm
Monday, April 19	Regular Meeting
Monday, April 26	Adoption of Budget and Work Session
Monday, May 3	Regular Meeting

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Monday, May 10	Work Session
Monday, May 24	Regular Meeting
Monday, June 7	Regular Meeting
Monday, June 14	Work Session
Monday, June 21	Regular Meeting
Monday, June 28	Work Session
Monday, July 12	Regular Meeting
Monday, July 26	Work Session
Monday, August 09	Regular Meeting
Monday, August 23	Work Session
Tuesday, September 07	Regular Meeting
Monday, September 13	Work Session
Monday, September 20	Regular Meeting
Monday, September 27	Work Session
Monday, October 04	Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 12	Work Session
Monday, October 18	Regular Meeting
Monday, October 25	Work Session
Monday, November 01	Regular Meeting
Monday, November 08	Work Session
Monday, November 15	Regular Meeting
Monday, November 22	Work Session
Monday, December 06	Regular Meeting
Monday, December 13	Work Session
Tuesday, January 04, 2011	Regular Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2011	Work Session
Tuesday, January 18, 2011	Regular Meeting
Monday, January 24, 2011	Work Session
Monday, February 07, 2011	Regular Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2011	Work Session
Tuesday, February 22, 2011	Regular Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2011	Work Session
Monday, March 07, 2011	Regular Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2011	Work Session
Monday, March 21, 2011	Regular Meeting
Monday, March 28, 2011	Work Session

5. Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the naming of Chase Bank, Hudson Valley Bank, Cutwater Asset Management (formerly MBIA-CLASS), TD Bank, Citibank, TrustCo Bank and Mahopac National Bank as Official Depositories. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

6. Trustee Olver made a motion to approve the setting of employee bond levels as follows: Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Court Clerk, Account Clerks - \$500,000. Trustee Schmidt seconded the motion; approved unanimously.

7. Mayor Wiegman read the following appointments. Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the appointments, second by Trustee Olver, approved unanimously.

Deputy Village Clerk, 1 yr appt – Kristine Gilligan

7. (Appointments, cont'd)

Deputy Treasurer, 1 yr. appt. – Genette Toone

Deputy Mayor, 1 yr appt. – Ann Gallelli

Acting Village Justice, 1 yr appt. – Anne Minihan

Prosecuting Attorney, 1 yr. appt. – Paul Rosen

Historian, 1 yr. appt. – TBA

Assessor, 1 yr. appt. – Joseph Sperber

Marriage Officer, 1 yr. appt – John Gochman

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to adjourn the Annual Organizational Meeting, second by Trustee Murtaugh, approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

A Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, NY was held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the Municipal Building, Van Wyck Street, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

The following officials were present:

Mayor Wiegman	Trustee Gallelli
Village Manager Zambrano	Trustee Murtaugh
Village Attorney Feldman	Trustee Schmidt
Treasurer Bullock	Trustee Olver

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Wiegman called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS:

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the vouchers as follows, subject to review by the Audit Committee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Gallelli and approved unanimously.

General Fund	\$108,879.39
Water Fund	17,831.90
Sewer Fund	2,728.54
Capital Account	35,164.83
Trust & Agency	10,781.85
Total	\$ 175,386.51

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

Village Manager Zambrano opened the Public Hearing for a Special Permit to co-locate a personal wireless facility at Veterans Plaza.

Michael Sheridan, Snyder & Snyder, 94 White Plains Rd., Tarrytown, NY, representing the applicant, stated that the application was presented to the Board of Trustees on February 1st and referred to the Planning Board and the WAC and received favorable recommendations from both; he asked that this Board issue the Special Permit as requested.

Public – no comments

Discussion: Trustee Schmidt questioned Mr. Sheridan on what has taken them so long and how are they are going to work forward to eliminate the gaps in the community. Trustee Gallelli stated that the whole community has been behind getting better coverage. Trustee Olver made a motion to close the Public Hearing, second by Trustee Murtaugh, approved unanimously.

Resolutions:

a) On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, on January 26, 2010 New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless applied for a special permit to collocate a wireless communications facility at the existing cell tower site at 26 Veterans Plaza; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2010 the application was referred to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, this application was also referred to the Waterfront Advisory Committee for a local waterfront revitalization consistency review; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2010, the Village Board of Trustees declared its intent to serve as lead agency for the environmental review of the application; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board regarding this application, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has received a memo from the Waterfront Advisory Committee, stating that the project is consistent with the Village's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has caused to be drafted Part 2 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form which the board has reviewed and hereby adopts; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held and closed on April 5th, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby determine, based on the Environmental Assessment Form submitted to and reviewed by the Board, that this is an unlisted action,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that based upon the Environmental Assessment Form, and documents submitted by the applicant, the Village Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached Negative Declaration with respect to this action.

b) On motion of TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, seconded by TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, the following resolution, as amended, was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

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WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held and closed on April 5th, 2010;

WHEREAS, on April 5th, 2010 the Village Board adopted a Negative Declaration with respect to this application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Board of Trustees does hereby issue a Special Permit to New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to collocate a wireless communications facility at the existing cell tower site at 26 Veterans Plaza with the following conditions:

1. As required in the Telecommunications Towers Law, Chapter 206 of the Village Code the special permit must be renewed every 5 years
2. As required in the Telecommunications Towers Law, Chapter 206 of the Village Code, the applicant must post a bond in the amount to be determined by the Village Engineer to cover the costs of removing and disposing of the applicant's equipment which may consist of the antenna, building, and associated facilities. In the event that the equipment is not removed within 90 days of the cessation of operations at the site, the equipment may be removed by the Village and the costs of removal assessed against the property, the bond or both.
3. Construction shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted by the applicant and all representations and agreements made by the applicant in the application process. The plans are described in exhibit A hereto.
4. A report on the logistics of the construction must be submitted with the Building Permit application. The report shall detail all aspects of construction showing how it will minimize the impacts to commuter parking at the Croton-Harmon Train Station and the Echo Canoe Launch, and shall include certain phases of the construction to take place on the weekend. The report must be approved by the Village Engineer before construction can begin.

5. The applicants' telecommunications equipment shall at all times during the life of the facility comply with the applicable FCC regulations pertaining to radio frequency emissions, including such regulations as applicable to cumulative radio frequency emissions. Any necessary mitigation measures to ensure compliance shall follow FCC requirements, procedures and protocols.
6. There shall be no interference with any existing radio frequency equipment or facilities already in place and New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless will make reasonable efforts to ensure that its equipment is operating properly so as to not interfere with any current or future installation by the Village for public safety purposes at the DPW (Veteran's Plaza) site, and that should any interference with said Village equipment occur, Verizon Wireless and the Village shall make reasonable efforts to decrease or eliminate such interference.
7. An environmental consultant shall be retained by New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to supervise the testing, excavation, storage, transportation and disposal of all soil and debris excavated during construction to ensure that it is performed in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. All documentation associated with the soil excavation is to be submitted to the Village Engineer on a timely basis. All stocked piled soil and debris shall be removed from the site on a timely basis as determined by the Village Engineer. .
8. All New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless equipment on the monopole shall be painted to match the approved color and be maintained in the future
9. All New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless equipment must be raised above the 100 year flood elevation
10. That, New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless apply for a street opening permit from the Village Engineer for the gas service installation.

Discussion: Mr. Sheridan questioned the wording of item 6, particularly "in the future". Village Engineer O'Connor stated that this is consistent with conditions for existing carriers. Mayor Wiegman requested a 5 minute recess to discuss the wording; the Board and the Village Attorney recessed at 8:38 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:42 pm. Attorney Feldman and Mr. Sheridan adjourned to another room to discuss mutually agreeable wording of Item #6; they presented the new wording of Item 6 and the Trustees voted to accept the amended resolution.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

Village Manager Zambrano read the following correspondence (full text available at the Village Office):

- a) A memo from Village Engineer O'Connor, requesting an extension of a building permit for 55 Truesdale Drive. Motion to approve the request was made by Trustee Gallelli, second by Trustee Murtaugh, approved unanimously.

- b) A letter from Ben Spinelli, Westchester Land Trust, Executive Director, regarding the Help Keep Westchester Green initiative to add one penny to oil purchases through Robeson Oil; see www.robesonoil.com/westchesterlandtrust.html for more information.
- c) A note from Bill Whitney, Putnam Valley resident, thanking the Croton Police, Fire and EMS for their assistance with his recent boating accident.
- d) An announcement from Sandy Galef, NY State Assemblywoman, regarding her 2010 Education Form which will be held at the Cortlandt Town Hall on April 29th at 7 PM.
- e) A letter from John Bickham, Cablevision Systems Corp. President, Cable Communications, regarding the recent disputes with two programming companies.
- f) A letter from Robert Hoch, Cablevision Government Affairs Director, regarding High Definition Channel lineup changes.
- g) A letter from Robert Hock, Cablevision Government Affairs Director, regarding the repositioning of the ESPN Classic channel.
- h) A memo from Village Engineer O'Connor, requesting an extension of a Building Permit for 46 Prospect Place. Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the request, second by Trustee Gallelli, approved unanimously.

5 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (agenda items):

- a) Susan Konig, 37 Elmore, offered congratulations to the new board members and asked if there is anything new to be said about FIOS. Trustee Gallelli replied that Verizon is opting out of any more FIOS agreements with any communities in Westchester and Putnam; apparently they have overextended themselves. Ms. Konig asked about the status of the telecommunications attorney. Trustee Gallelli responded that the Village is attempting to recoup some of the money expended. Susan Konig added that when residents call Verizon, they are told they have run into political roadblocks. Village Manager Zambrano responded that he is aware of that and has contacted Verizon. Ms. Konig asked about the law suit against the Village and asked if there is any response that the public can know about. Mayor Wiegman stated that the Village Attorneys are taking a very careful look at everything. Ms. Konig stated that she shops, eats and socializes in the Harmon area; the vendors of Harmon offer a lot of good things to do and urged people to spend their money there.

6. PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS:

- a) On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, Dvirka and Bartilucci has prepared a proposal to continue to assist the Village in maintaining compliance with the NYSDEC Phase II Storm Water regulations and General Permits; and

WHEREAS, Dvirka and Bartilucci proposes the following seven Tasks

- (1) prepare 2010 Storm Water Management Program Annual Report with the Municipal Compliance Certification for submittal to NYSDEC

- (2) prepare updates and/or other additional materials for the Storm Water Management Program Document
- (3) prepare written procedures for Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program
- (4) map the Preliminary Boundaries of the Village's Storm Sewershed
- (5) provide Coordination of Village's Outfall Reconnaissance Inventory
- (6) prepare a Village-specific Municipal Operations Self-assessment Manual/Guidebook
- (7) provide a Village-specific Half-Day Training Seminar for Village Staff on the Storm Water Management Program requirements

WHEREAS, the total cost of these 7 tasks comes to \$11,900,

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works recommend that the Village proceed with task 1 at a cost of \$4,500,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to sign the proposal from Dvirka and Bartilucci for storm water management assistance for task 1 at a total cost of \$4,500,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that this amount should be charged to Account #A8140.4000.

Discussion: Trustee Gallelli explained that this is a relatively normal thing and must be prepared every year; the Village has used Dvirka & Bartilucci for several years. Trustee Schmidt inquired why they are not doing the other parts now. Village Manager Zambrano replied that the feel is that this is the task that should be done right now as it is needed for compliance. Trustee Schmidt asked if they will be coming back to request the other tasks in the future. Village Manager Zambrano replied only if needed.

b) On motion of TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, seconded by TRUSTEE GALLELLI, the following resolution, as amended, was unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, it is necessary to hire a security firm for night security at Senasqua Boat Basin, Senasqua Park and Croton Landing; and

WHEREAS, night security bids were sent out and 2 bid proposals were received and opened on March 25, 2010; and

WHEREAS, PEC Group of New York, Inc. of Mahopac was the lowest bid proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor and Village Manager recommends that the Village award the bid to PEC Group of New York, Inc.,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is authorized to award the bid proposal to PEC Group of New York, Inc. at the amount of \$16.79 per hour and \$25.25 per hour on holidays,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the total amount for the summer season of \$15,237.90 will be charged to account #A7140.0400

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this amount is divided between fiscal year 2009-10 at \$2,057.10 and fiscal year 2010-11 at \$13,180.80.

Discussion: Village Manager Zambrano stated that this includes the reduction of hours as discussed.

c) On motion of TRUSTEE GALLELLI, seconded by TRUSTEE MURTAUGH, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

WHEREAS, Sportswear bid proposals were opened on March 25, 2010 and three companies submitted bids; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation Supervisor and Village Manager, after making a comparison of unit prices for the approximate minimum amount they will order for each item, has recommended that the contract be awarded to Printwear, Inc., for all items; and

WHEREAS, the Village has ordered from Printwear, Inc. in the past and has been satisfied with their quality and customer service,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Village Manager is hereby authorized to award the contract for sportswear to Printwear, Inc., of Mamaroneck, NY at a price of \$7,380.00,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the amount of \$7,380.00 be charged to the following accounts:

A7180.4200	\$612.00
A7310.4200	\$2,811.00
A7020.4200	\$81.000
A7140.4200	\$3,876.00

Discussion: Village Manager Zambrano stated that this is for tee shirts and uniforms for the summer staff hired to supervise the various recreational programs; people do pay a fee which covers the cost of the sportswear.

d) On motion of TRUSTEE SCHMIDT, seconded by TRUSTEE OLVER, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York:

Whereas, the Village Board wishes to foster local economic revitalization by spurring local reinvestment; and

Whereas, community banks, such as Hudson Valley Bank, Mahopac National Bank, and Trustco Bank, with branches very convenient located to the Village offer high quality investment ratings, and more cost-effective service than available from national banks; and

Whereas, the Village has expanded its list of Official Depositories to include more community banks that demonstrate a commitment to local reinvestment as a stated business practice; and

Whereas, the Village Board wishes to use the depository actions, as well as general purchasing powers, to expand the share of such deposits that have been previously allotted to community banks; and

Whereas, the New York State Energy Research Development Authority has awarded a substantial grant to the Village, as lead proposer for the Northern Westchester Energy Action Consortium, for the purpose of developing energy reduction plans that are fiscally responsible and replicable; and

Now, therefore be it resolved: that the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Manager to use the community banks on our Official Depository list for our banking needs—to the maximum extent practicable including, but not restricted to—as the depository for the New York State Energy Research Development Authority or other grant funds that the Village will receive and disburse.

7. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items):

a) Vito Divenere, 51 Farrington Road, stated that there is a lot of misinformation about the law suit and asked what it means. Mayor Wiegman replied that it is an Article 78 lawsuit which is an administrative procedure to question the process that was used, but not the body of the decision of that Board; the Village attorneys are taking this very seriously and will get back to us; the law that the Village adopted still stands and cannot be undone by the stroke of a pen through Article 78 as he understands. Mr. Divenere thanked Village Manager Zambrano for following up on the Farrington Road construction; he has noticed in the past more substantial curbs have been built up in areas with water runoff problems. Village Manager Zambrano replied that Farrington Road will be on the list of projects he is proposing to the Board under capital projects; the Village has gotten some grant money and will be working on the projects to be ready when the funds are released; he will be applying for additional funding from the County for Farrington and Hunter.

b) John McBride, 132 Old Post Rd. No., stated that he supports the idea of increasing the terms of the Board and Mayor from 2 to 4 years; this would be one way to stretch out campaigns and continuing negative talk between the two opposing sides which is unfortunate and it detracts from getting things accomplished in the Village; this will allow the Board members to work on projects for an extended period of time. Trustee Olver responded he agrees that the Village would benefit from several changes in the way we do politics; perhaps a non-partisan election but there is no real likelihood of moving away from that; he suggested that Democrats and Republicans discuss by-partisan support for revising electoral laws and also moving elections to November. John McBride stated that he doesn't think a November election is the way to go; in addition there should be numerous public opportunities for discussion for all options; this should be done over many months and should be open meetings. Trustee Olver added that if it happened, it would not apply to any sitting Board or Mayor. Trustee Schmidt stated that he is a proponent of some sort of term limit also. Mr. McBride replied that he does not believe in term limits.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 15, 2010 as corrected. Trustee Olver seconded the motion. The Board voted approval with Trustee Schmidt abstaining.

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on March 15, 2010. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board voted approval with Trustee Schmidt abstaining.

Trustee Murtaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on March 31, 2010. Trustee Gallelli seconded the motion. The Board voted approval with Trustee Schmidt abstaining

Trustee Gallelli made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on January 11, 2010. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion. The Board voted approval with Trustee Schmidt abstaining

9. REPORTS:

Village Manager Zambrano reported that on Monday, April 12th, there will be a public hearing for the budget and a work session on Saturday April 17th. Village Manager Zambrano stated that, on behalf of staff and himself, they wish Demetra Restuccia and her family luck and he and the staff looks forward to working with Trustee Schmidt.

Village Treasurer Bullock nothing

Trustee Schmidt offered thanks to the voters of Croton who voted to elect him; he is proud that many things were accomplished during his previous terms and is looking forward to working on continuing issues. He added that the recent auditors' report stated that the Village is in fine

financial shape which was through the hard work of the staff to prepare for the future; he is looking forward to working on the budget; it will be a lot of work and he commended the staff who have kept the budget tight. Trustee Schmidt added that he still sits on the Summerfest Committee which is coming Sunday, June 6th; vendors have started calling and it looks to be an exciting time.

Trustee Olver thanked Mayor Wiegman for his confidence in appointing him to the Board. He added that it is impossible to achieve both the kinds of services that citizens want and the low rate of taxation citizens demand. He reported that several weeks ago, he and Village Manager Zambrano attended a hearing held by five Senators in the Westchester region and he testified at that hearing that 1) our system of funding is archaic and is fundamentally unfair and not suited to today's needs 2) at the municipal level we are drowning under unfunded mandates; this year pension costs of some \$400,000 unanticipated required dollars were mandated by the state and this is essentially the Village's budget gap or what stands between us right now to get to zero tax increase for the coming years budget; if it weren't for unfunded mandates, we would have a zero tax increase right now; the entire State Senate needs to be rebooted and he suggested taking a look at www.rebootny.org 3) he has read with increasing lack of understanding, the budgets being put out by school districts; they are cutting teachers and lower level staff, not cutting executive positions; there have been 119 such executive positions added to schools in the last decade; the private sector has been cutting middle management and executive positions for ten years and it is due time that our public sector follows suit. Trustee Olver added that he was called after his testimony by a writer from Westchester magazine which will be featuring some of these items in the June issue. Trustee Olver stated that it will be harder to not make cuts; no one on the Board is in favor of increases; he is not highly encouraged by the response from the Union in the Village; unless we have a collaborative approach, we will have to cut posts; we cannot afford to continue increasing costs when our citizens are widely in economic trouble; he proposed for next meeting, discussing and hopefully passing, cutting the Board's stipend by 15%; this is not a substantial amount, but will demonstrate a token of willingness to share the pain. He added that they are aiming to right size municipal government with the services people need at a cost they can afford. Trustee Olver finished by saying thank God it's spring and he hopes all have a chance to go outside and enjoy Croton in the Springtime.

Trustee Gallelli thanked former Trustee Restuccia for her service this past year; she is sad she will be leaving the Village; she has found her to be one of the most honest people who never holds back expressing her opinion on a variety of topics; she is still a board member of CHEF and they will be missing her, too. Trustee Gallelli congratulated the Mayor for in his part in Croton receiving a grant from stimulus funds for the Northern Westchester Energy Act Consortium; the Village has received \$279,800 which will be used to oversee greenhouse gas emissions studies for four municipalities, update a greenhouse gas emission study for one municipality and write climate action reports for six municipalities; this is a 100% reimbursable grant; all costs are covered. Trustee Gallelli added that the Village has had two trails designated as greenway trails and they will be added to waterfront and greenway connector trails. She stated that Earth Day is coming on April 24th at Senasqua Park; it will be the annual clean up and demonstrations by a number of organizations; there will be free sapling trees. Trustee Gallelli stated that the DPW has put piles of leaf mulch and wood chips by Silver Lake; they are free to be picked up by people; but do not pick up the sand for the beach or the pile of manure and

topsoil which are for the community garden. She stated that the daffodils are out and blooming on the hillside by the cemetery and on Benedict Blvd.

Trustee Murtaugh welcomed Greg Schmidt to the Board and also welcomed Rick Olver back; he looks forward to working with them and the Village staff. Trustee Murtaugh stated that on April 17th, from 9am to 12 noon at Croton Harmon train station, there will be the distribution of compost bins; it is estimated that the Village saved about \$7,500 in tipping fees from sale of composters last year. He added that the rainbarrels are new this year and they allows one to irrigate gardens and lawns without using the Village water supply; the Village will also save electrical and chemical expense. Trustee Murtaugh added that he and everyone on the Board received an anonymous letter on what the Village can do to saved money; there were a lot of suggestions, but some are based on incorrect assumptions; he stated that anonymous letters are not as effective as one you've signed your name to; residents should step forward and feel comfortable to address any issue via a phone conversation or letter. Trustee Murtaugh stated that regarding Article 78, they are struggling with a very tight budget and now must allot a certain amount of money to defend ourselves; it would be irresponsible if they did not allow money for this; it is hurting the Village and it is a shame this money must be factored into a very tight budget.

Mayor Wiegman welcomed back Trustee Schmidt and Trustee Olver. He stated that the Board is desirous to not pass on this recession and its outcome to the residents and this is what is driving their careful work and deliberation which will occupy them for several weeks. He added that the community garden material that was mentioned and is available was donated for the garden. Mayor Wiegman had a report from the Sustainability team; they are doing a lot of work to improve Croton environment; they did a lot of work on the grant application; they put in three and received one; our share is \$40,000. He added that they are going toward proactive service and cost sharing with fellow municipalities; this grant in particular was for Bedford, Cortland, North Salem, Peekskill, Pound Ridge, Somers and Croton.

Mayor Wiegman read from his statement on "What is Economic Development" and a charge to the Economic Development Committee: (full text follows):

Since 1975 in the United States, our nation's gross domestic product, a measure invented in 1934 during that great depression, has nearly doubled. But, since 1975, our nation's general progress index, a measure of the full environmental and social costs and benefits inherent in our economic activities, has been as flat as the Hudson River on a windless day.

For many years, the traditional definition of economic development was—in plainspeak—"people buying more stuff in my town." That definition presumes a model of perpetual growth, something we know today is simply not sustainable. Incomes do not rise forever. Prosperity—measured traditionally as dollars per capita—does not necessarily translate into healthier, happier, or more productive lives.

So, what do we mean by "economic development" for a community such as ours?

Let's clarify the definition of community economic development for our village residents, business owners, and this committee. Economic development is not limited to a one-dimensional process of developing one business for one building on one site or amending one land use law for one zone. It includes such single actions, but must encompass a lot more as well.

Community economic development is the process by which local people build organizations and partnerships that connect profitable business with other interests and values - for example, skills with education, health with transportation, and energy with the environment. In real community economic development, many organizations—including dot.coms, dot.govs, and dot.orgs—look for ways to make their actions and investments reinforce the wishes and intentions of the whole community over time.

Business becomes a means to accumulate health, safety, and welfare for a community. Business becomes a way to make the local way of life more creative, inclusive, and sustainable—now and twenty or thirty years from now. The glue connecting these efforts in many municipalities is often a non-profit organization that is eligible for outside funding, independent from both government and business, and accountable to myriad stakeholders.

At its most effective, community economic development includes the following:

a process guided by strategic planning and analysis of on-going activities, in contrast to opportunistic and unsystematic one-shot tactics;

a businesslike financial management approach that builds both ownership of assets and a diverse range of financial and other partners and supporters;

an integration or merging of economic and social goals to bring about more far-reaching community revitalization;

a base of operating principles that enable a broad range of residents to assume responsibility in the governance of development organizations and in the community as a whole.

Community economic development is intended to empower the community to handle its own destiny. It is not focused on growth as such, but on the capacity to handle economic and social change for local benefit.

Part of this effort includes recycling more dollars locally, such as the Village's decision tonight to shift more of its own banking to high quality local community banks like Trustco Bank, Mahopac National Bank, and Hudson Valley Bank.

Under the broad definition of community economic development I have just described, I have asked the Economic Development Committee under chair Ted Brumleve to focus on the following for 2010:

- 1. Fostering awareness of the Harmon/South Riverside Design Guidelines (which have been forwarded to the Planning Board), because these guidelines together with zoning amendments already in place will ensure attractive, small-scale projects.*

2. *Continuing to carry out the Village's overall Economic Development Marketing Plan, because we need to continue to expand in the outreach to stakeholders,*
3. *Identifying future potential initiatives in economic development, with a focus on taking advantage of our existing commercial and light industrial districts and our riverfront, because these assets have tremendous potential for us.*

I look forward to the working with this committee and other partners to articulate development principles and practices that balance costs with benefits and economics with community values. As always, this process will be an open one in which thoughts and feedback from any responsible party are always welcome.

I am determined not to pass on the current recession to our village residents and property owners. I am also determined to make budget adjustments that keep the tax rate in check while strengthening the village services that taxpayers need. While fiscal year budget deliberations focus on the here and now, we are best served when these year-to-year economic decisions parallel the development of our long-term social thinking and action.

Trustee Olver made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Murtaugh seconded the motion; approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis A. Bradbury

Phyllis A. Bradbury, Secretary

Village Clerk