

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 via Virtual Webex/Go To Meeting (normally held at Lawrence Village Hall, 196 Central Avenue, Lawrence, New York 11559) Convened by conference call-in.

To join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Meeting number (access code): 790 310 547

Notice having been given, the public had access to the meeting and several members did participate.

Those members present were: Mayor Alex H. Edelman  
Deputy Mayor Michael A. Fragin  
Trustee Daniel J. Goldstein  
Trustee Uri Kaufman (who left the meeting  
Temporarily)  
Trustee Syma F. Diamond

Also present were: Ronald Goldman, Village Administrator  
Gerry Castro, Deputy Village Clerk  
Lina Fusco, Deputy Village Treasurer  
Village Attorney, Stephen Martir, Esq.  
Village Attorney, Andrew Preston, Esq.  
Alison Cohen, Secretary to the BOT

**WORK SESSION** - Mayor Edelman called the work session to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Board Action:** No board action was taken.

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Edelman called the regular meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**Board Action:** Trustee Goldstein moved to open the regular meeting. Trustee Kaufman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Approval of minutes:** BOT April 2, 2020

**Board Action:** Mayor Edelman moved the approval of the April 2, 2020 BOT meeting minutes. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. All in favor, with the exception of Trustee Kaufman who had temporarily left the meeting.

## **GOOD & WELFARE**

- 1) Trustee Goldstein requested a update with regard to the status of the surveillance camera project and estimates. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro has the estimates but is simply awaiting confirmation of the funds (\$77,500.00) for the project from Nassau County. As of three days ago, Nassau County Legislator Howard Kopel, confirmed that the Village has submitted all the requisite paperwork and the transfer of funds is in the jurisdiction of Nassau County. Once the funds are secured the cameras, per the estimate, will be purchased and submitted for reimbursement.
- 2) Trustee Goldstein noted that there was an automobile accident on May 20<sup>th</sup> at around 6:00 a.m. (very early in the morning), and went on to say that the Village's DPW cleaned it up very quickly and did a wonderful job. He commended and thanked them. Mayor Edelman and Trustee Diamond concurred. (Trustee Kaufman left the virtual meeting at this time.)
- 3) Trustee Diamond requested an update regarding the flood mitigation progress on Waverly Place that was discussed at a previous BOT meeting. Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro responded that prior to the Covid-19 "shutdown", in late March, the Village had put together specifications for estimates for new dry wells as well as to clean the existing dry wells. The Village intends to move forward with this project when the restrictions are lifted and it is able to do so.
- 4) Trustee Diamond noted that since the restrictions due to the Pandemic have been imposed, and the weather becoming "nicer", there are far more people walking and bicycling. She requested that a reminder be sent out notifying people who are walking to walk against the vehicular traffic and people who are bicycling to bicycle with traffic. She asked the Village to possibly install signage or send out an e-mail for people to observe these guidelines and exert caution. Trustee Diamond added that a reminder would be appreciated. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that even though these guidelines had been presented in an earlier e-mail from Mayor Edelman (about two months ago), they would be resent. In addition, the Village would look into signage being implemented.
- 5) Trustee Diamond noted that there are potholes and uneven pavement for walking and bicycling on Briarwood Lane/Crossing and Barrett Road. She was not sure if the recent utility work on those roads was finished and if the repaving was

permanent or forthcoming. Deputy Village Administrator Castro stated were two utility companies; the gas company did Briarwood and Auerbach, and upgraded pipes on Ocean Avenue and along Barrett Road also. Barrett Road and Ocean Avenue, and some of the side streets such as Longwood Crossing, will be repaired permanently very shortly once the work is completed. On Auerbach and Briarwood the Water Company is still putting in the water mains, and then they have to get the authorization from the Department of Health to transfer all the house services, after which the Village will pave Auerbach, Briarwood and the side streets (off of Auerbach). He went on to say if there are issues (dangerous conditions) with these temporary patches he will have the utility repair the temporary patches as needed presently.

- 6) Deputy Mayor Fragin (on behalf of the Board) expressed gratitude and appreciation to the first responders and health care workers. Mayor Edelman concurred and noted that at a later date, when Village BOT meetings were once again in person, he intends to invite representatives and present Proclamations to many of those first responders and health care workers that the Village is very grateful to. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman responded that this was the Village's intention and requested that Deputy Mayor Fragin put together a list of those he would like to see thanked and honored, in addition to the Village's list.
- 7) Deputy Mayor Fragin inquired as to when the Village might end/lift the ban on the use of tents or canopies. Discussion ensued in this regard and the following Board action was taken:

**Board Action:** Trustee Goldstein moved to end/lift the ban on the use of tents and canopies in the Village. Deputy Mayor Fragin seconded the motion. All in favor (with the exception of Trustee Kaufman who was absent for the vote).

- 8) Mayor Edelman noted that Memorial Day would be commemorated in Zion Park with the requisite ten (10) people maximum (due to the Coronavirus guidelines), adding that the VOL Board of Trustees were invited to attend.
- 9) Mayor Edelman noted that in recent weeks there have been many conference calls with Nassau County Officials. He thanked Congresswoman Kathleen Rice and Nassau County for the PPE (personal protective equipment – gloves, masks and hand sanitizer) that the Village received; and for expected reimbursement of the PPE items that the Village ordered through the Act passed by the County.

- 10) Mayor Edelman thanked the Village staff for their devotion and service through this time of Pandemic.
- 11) Mayor Edelman thanked Dr. Marc Sicklick for all of his insights, clarity and expertise in his messages regarding Covid-19. The Mayor added that the Village has received many notes of appreciation.
- 12) Mayor Edelman congratulated NCPD Sergeant Sollin who was promoted to Lieutenant, on behalf of the Village. He thanked him for being such a wonderful friend to the Village and for his service.
- 13) Mayor Edelman reiterated the Village's monitoring of the residents maintaining their bushes and shrubbery, with the warmer weather and all the people walking and bicycling, advising them to keep the sidewalks clear, or receive a summons.
- 14) Mayor Edelman stated that the Governor's State flood mitigation project was moving forward, in November, per the many conference calls.
- 15) Mayor Edelman thanked Shor Yoshuv for their assistance with the Covid-19 pandemic crisis. He went on to note that a blood test will be available to test for Covid-19 antibodies starting this Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor went on to note the importance of these tests for the monitoring of Covid-19.
- 16) Mayor Edelman thanked Highway Superintendent Robert Daniels and the entire Department of Public Works (DPW) for the outstanding job they have been doing all along.
- 17) Trustee Goldstein inquired about the information regarding the antibody (blood) tests at Shor Yoshuv. Mayor Edelman responded that he was in the process of getting the schedule(s) and notices would be forthcoming. The Mayor stated that the Village would monitor the numbers in this regard. He added that he believed that the testing would be three days per week and covered by health insurance. It was mentioned that it should also be noted that "this is a reliable, accurate test".
- 18) Lawrence Civic Association President Paris Popack expressed extreme gratitude from the Lawrence Civic Association (and herself) to the Mayor, Board of Trustees, Village Administration, Village staff, first responders, health care workers and Dr. Marc Sicklick ("his e-mail was really fabulous") for all their efforts and all they have been doing, and what they continue to do. She especially wanted to thank LCFD Chief Adler and the LCFD (Lawrence Cedarhurst Fire

Department) for all his/their assistance with regard to the upcoming Memorial Day Parade preparations/plans and now the virtual tribute with the gathering of ten (10), scheduled for Monday, May 25th. Ms. Popack thanked everyone for all of their hard work and efforts on the Village's behalf.

- 19) Lawrence Association President Paris Popack noted that there was a damaged chain link fence on Kenridge Road near Margaret Avenue (along the golf course). She requested that it be repaired. Village Administrator Ronald Goldman affirmed that it would be taken care of.
- 20) Mayor Edelman noted that the Village had placed flowers in the Business District, beautifying the area, and thanked the DPW/Highway Department for doing a wonderful job.
- 21) Deputy Mayor Fragin inquired about the fence/gate that the Village was going to install at Lord Avenue, near the train station. Mayor Edelman responded that the work was done today and would be completed tomorrow, to let the cement dry (near Cumberland). There was a delay due to the Fire Marshall shutting down operations for the work/construction.
- 22) Deputy Mayor Fragin inquired about the code for the gate. Mayor Edelman responded that the code was given to some nearby residents, when he was there and would be given out to the "Cumberland Association" by tomorrow noon. Discussion ensued and it was concluded that a sign would be placed directing anyone needing the code to inquire at Lawrence Village Hall.
- 23) Mayor Edelman asked Deputy Village Administrator Gerry Castro to install a "temporary" camera facing the gate and to put up a note/sign.
- 24) Deputy Mayor Fragin inquired as to the status of construction in the Village. Discussion ensued in this regard and Mayor Edelman stated that he was in favor of allowing construction to start again with the proper social distancing and safety guidelines. Discussion ensued with regards to limits and safety guidelines, but it was agreed upon that allowing construction to begin was a good idea.
- 25) The discussion of restaurants and enabling them to employ outdoor tables/dining ensued. Mayor Edelman stated that he was in favor of allowing outdoor tables as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, with the use of proper safety measures. Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that he would encourage outdoor dining to the extent possible. Trustee Goldstein added that he thought the Village should expedite any kind of permit necessary and not charge any fees for this, at least for the

summer. Discussion ensued in this regard as well as retail reopenings. Village Attorney Stephen Martir explained that the Governor issued regional reopening guidelines in Phases. There are metrics that need to be met for each phase prior to reopening. Nassau County went down from meeting five of the metrics to meeting four out of the seven metrics. For example, Mr. Martir went on to explain that once the Governor's metrics are met, the reopening would automatically begin for example: phase 1 construction. There is also retail included in phase 1, however, that would be curbside pick-up, delivery, etc. He expects that these would begin soon. Mayor Edelman thanked Mr. Martir.

26) Trustee Kaufman rejoined the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

27) Trustee Goldstein inquired about the Village election and the deadlines regarding independent nominating petitions, signatures and all other pertinent information. Village Attorney Stephen Martir responded that all elections (March, June, etc.) have been moved to September 15, 2020, with more Executive guidance/guidelines to follow. (He is awaiting further guidelines from NYS as well as the possibility of reducing the number of signatures required on the petitions.)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Item 1 – Approve Abstracts #'s**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b># 998, 999, 1000, 1001, 1002</b>
<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b># 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, # 444, 445</b>
<b>Payroll</b>	<b># 041720, 050120, 051520</b>

**Board Action:** Trustee Goldstein moved the approval of General Fund Abstracts #998, #999, #1000, #1001 and #1002; Recreation Fund Abstracts #436, #437, #438, #439, #440, #441, #442, #443, #444 and #445 (#445 was a duplicate that was mistakenly included so that number will be re-used for the next Recreation Fund Abstract); and Payroll Fund Abstracts #041720, #050120 and #051520. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item 2 – Approve a resolution declaring the Village Board's intent to act as lead agency pursuant to SEQRA Rule S. 6 N.Y.C.R.R. S. 6117.2(v), and S. 617.6(b)(3)(i), authorizing notice of same, and authorizing the referral of the matter to the Nassau County Planning Commission pursuant to New York General Municipal Law (Article 12-b) Section 239-m with respect to the Board's proposed action to adopt an amendment of the Village's Building Zone Ordinance to add a new**



**section 212-13.1 for the creation of a new zoning district to be entitled the “Coastal Conservation District – Woodmere Club”**

**Board Action:** Mayor Edelman moved the approval of a resolution declaring the Village Board’s intent to act as lead agency pursuant to SEQRA Rule S. 6 N.Y.C.R.R. S. 6117.2(v), and S. 617.6(b)(3)(i), authorizing notice of same, and authorizing the referral of the matter to the Nassau County Planning Commission pursuant to New York General Municipal Law (Article 12-b) Section 239-m with respect to the Board’s proposed action to adopt an amendment of the Village’s Building Zone Ordinance to add a new section 212-13.1 for the creation of a new zoning district to be entitled the “Coastal Conservation District – Woodmere Club”. Trustee Diamond seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Deputy Mayor Fragin, who abstained.

**Item 3 – Approve a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment of the Building Zone Ordinance to add a new section 212-13.1 for the creation of a new zoning district to be entitled the “Coastal Conservation District – Woodmere Club”**

**Board Action:** Trustee Kaufman moved to approve a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment of the Building Zone Ordinance to add a new section 212-13.1 for the creation of a new zoning district to be entitled the “Coastal Conservation District – Woodmere Club”. Trustee Goldstein seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with the exception of Deputy Mayor Fragin who abstained.

**Item 4 – Approve Village copier/printing lease and maintenance agreement**

**Board Action:** Trustee Goldstein moved to approve the hiring of DRP Solutions (Doctor-Print Inc.) for the copier/printing lease and maintenance agreement(s) for the Villages multi-functional devices (laser printers, multi-functional printers, B&W and color copiers, scanners); as the lowest responsible proposal. Mayor Edelman seconded the motion. All in favor.

**Item 5 – LY&CC Status Report**

While awaiting LY&CC General Manager Cory Menking and John Cheshire of Kemper Sports to join the meeting, Deputy Mayor Fragin inquired if it would be possible to implement outdoor seating at the LY&CC. Discussion ensued in this regard.

John Cheshire of Kemper Sports Management, stated that they were “struggling” to open the snack bar this coming weekend. However the hope is to offer snack bar service within the next three to four days. The caterer would then be responsible for maintaining, cleaning, and sanitizing restrooms in or near the snack bar. They are also researching the possibility of restrooms on the golf course (that would have a monetary impact, of course). Mr. Kemper added that they are looking into this to do it most efficiently and most safely. The idea of a food truck (or a snack cart) was introduced by Trustee Goldstein and discussion ensued. Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that the LY&CC

used to have a snack cart. Mr. Cheshire confirmed that multiple options would be discussed with the caterer(s).

LY&CC General Manager Cory Menking began the LY&CC status report by saying that the golf course began operations again on Saturday and is now limited to single cart use (one per household) and driving range warm-up balls (for golf) are still offered. Right now, single play only is in effect. As far as tennis, singles play only, is allowed. Mr. Menking stated that he has been working with the Women's Tennis Club President Paris Popack and Tennis Pro Christopher Morales to refine the restrictions, moving forward, to allow doubles play. But for now, only singles play is allowed. He went on to say that the Marina is open for normal operations, as of now, with the clubhouse and restrooms remaining closed. Mr. Menking noted that the marketing plan was brought to a brief halt, but has since been ramped up using Google Ad Words, social media and advertising, with postcards being sent to Village residents and new homeowners alike. Mr. Menking stated that the website will be updated within the next couple of weeks and a full page ad was placed in the front of the Long Island Golf Magazine, a copy of which was sent to the Board. He went on to say that preparations and training are scheduled for EZ Sweep, which is the LY&CC's point of sale and electronic tee times, to go live shortly thereafter (the target date is Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>). First the codes and data need to be entered/loaded. Mr. Menking went on to discuss membership and operations.

Park Commission Chairman Howard Siskind interjected that he has spoken to Michael Einhorn regarding outdoor dining, which is available every year. However, they had not previously taken advantage due to the heat outdoors and the air conditioning, indoors. Now with the Coronavirus restrictions and situation, that hopefully will change and is a good option. He went on to discuss the use of masks and outdoor dining in general in the Village. Mayor Edelman responded "absolutely", and with gloves and social distancing to be implemented as well. Mr. Siskind also mentioned that people were having a hard time reaching a person to speak with at the LY&CC regarding any membership, payment or general issues/questions. Deputy Village Administrator Castro was going to take a look at the programming of their phones. Discussion ensued with regard to the LY&CC, golf and tennis membership. Mr. Menking then proceeded with his report, a hard copy of which was presented to the Board. Mr. Cheshire added his insights. Discussion ensued with regard to the report, purchasing or creating an alliance with a beach club, and golf and tennis membership.

Deputy Mayor Fragin stated that he would like to see the kosher caterers and house caterer explore use of the patio for outdoor dining, not just the snack bar.

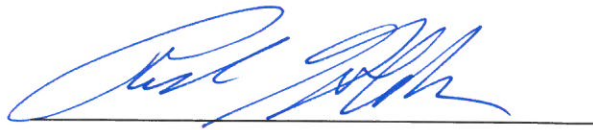
Christian Browne, attorney for The Woodmere Club, wanted to make a statement in the "public comment" portion of the meeting. He stated that he had not made a statement during the Good & Welfare portion of the meeting, but wanted to read a letter in to the record, which had already been sent to the Board. That was declined, but in lieu of his reading the letter aloud to the Board, it was attached hereto as "Exhibit A", as part of the record with his concurrence.



Park Commission Vice Chairperson Jacqueline Handel stated that there are a number of people who will not be returning to New York, but are choosing to remain in Florida, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. They are requesting refunds for their LY&CC memberships and Ms. Handel inquired as to what the procedure will be. Mayor Edelman responded that these cases would be discussed with the Park Commission and the Village's liaison next week.

On motion by Mayor Edelman seconded by Trustee Goldstein and unanimously approved, the Board adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

This is to certify that I, Ronald Goldman, read the preceding minutes, and they are in all respects a full and correct record of such proceedings.



Ronald Goldman, Administrator,  
Clerk/Treasurer

**EXHIBIT A**

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May 21, 2020

Hon. Alex Edelman and Members  
of the Board of Trustees  
Incorporated Village of Lawrence  
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**Re: Proposed "Costal Conservation District—Woodmere Club"  
Zoning Ordinance**

Dear Mayor Edelman and Members of the Board:

This law firm represents the owners of the Woodmere Club ("the Owners"). As you know, tonight, at the meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board will formally introduced a proposed amendment to the Village's zoning ordinance that would re-zone the portion of the Woodmere Club's 120-acre property that lies within the Village's jurisdiction.

This is part of a coordinated effort with the Town of Hempstead and the Village of Woodsburgh that seeks to re-zone entirely the land belonging to the Woodmere Club. We have reviewed the proposed ordinance as promulgated by the Town of Hempstead and, in summary, we regard it as an illegal and unconstitutional piece of legislation.

The Owners vehemently oppose the adoption of the ordinance and, if the Board votes to enact it, the Owners will immediately commence the appropriate legal challenges and will seek damages against the Village where warranted.

My clients regret that the Board seems determined to join with the illegal effort, led by the Town of Hempstead, to re-zone the property of single, disfavored party. The mayor repeatedly promised the Owners that the Board would not take any action regarding the

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Woodmere Club until the Owners and Village had the opportunity to meet and to engage in substantive discussions on a re-development plan for Woodmere Club. Unfortunately, no such meetings took place, and the Board has decided to proceed against the Woodmere Club nonetheless.

The Owners will, of course, reiterate their opposition to the adoption of the proposed ordinance at the public hearing on this matter at the time fixed for such hearing by the Board.

Please be guided accordingly.

Sincerely,

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