

**Milton Town Council
Town Hall Meeting
Milton Public Library
121 Union Street
Saturday, January 18, 2014, 10:00am – 12noon.**

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1. Call to Order – Mayor Jones
2. Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Roll Call – Mayor Jones

Vice Mayor Booros	Present
Councilman West	Present
Councilwoman Parker-Selby	Present
Councilman Collier	Present
Mayor Jones	Present
Councilwoman Patterson	Absent
Councilman Cote'	Present

5. A “Town Hall”-style meeting and discussion with public and Council participation on matters raised by the public. No votes will be taken on any matters.
Mayor Jones: I just want to take a real quick moment with Council, if you brought your appointment books. Council not really being synced with some major appointments that we have coming up and somebody double-booked themselves, so I just want to take a minute before we get started and do this housekeeping issue. On Wednesday, the 22nd is the beginning of the Comprehensive Plan Review; we have folks from the State Planner's Office 6:00 here in the Library. Thursday the 23rd, the Council will meet with the Economic Development Committee. There's a Personnel Committee on the 28th, that's Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Tax Appeal Hearings on the 29th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. here at the Library. That's all I have, unless Mrs. Rogers has something else.
Vice Mayor Booros: On Thursday the 23rd, what time?
Mayor Jones: 6:00 p.m.
Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Is that here, Mayor?
Mayor Jones: Yes.

Mayor Jones: Welcome everybody. This is our second Town Hall style meeting held by this Council Administration and we welcome you this morning. We ask a couple of ground rules. A three minute limit, if you will please, on your comment. However, if three minutes is not enough, if you'll wait until others come forward and speak, we have two hours and you may repeat the pattern and come in between the others, but allow others to speak before you

continue, if you'll be so kind. Everything is respectful, meaningful, an approach that Council can converse freely; hopefully answer your questions, if we have the answers available to us; take lots of notes; work on issues that we're not able to provide answers today. Does anybody from Council have anything else to add? What I need you to do is line up at the microphone or take a place at the microphone, tell me who you are and let's talk.

- George Berkowitz, Summer Walk Boulevard in Cannery Village: I have two things I'd like to mention. First of all is I would like to see a Boy's Club and a Girl's Club in the Town of Milton. I don't know if it starts with you as a Council, but if there's some discussion, I'd love to be a part of that. I think the kid's need something in the Town. The second thing has to do with the lanes in Cannery Village. I know when I built houses in New Jersey, we had to go through a permit process; we had the Town Engineer, we had plumbing inspectors, zoning officers, that reviewed everything before we built the house and then they came and inspected afterwards. It seems to me and I've heard there's a very good possibility that the Town may not take over the lanes as far as plowing and care for them when we take over the streets in Cannery Village and it seems to me that there's drainage problems there. I know Dorsey Lane has two coats and it's not a very good job. There are others that have one coat. Someone said, well there might be poor access for the trucks to get into those lanes, well I think this is after the fact and I don't think we're responsible for something that should have been taken care of earlier. There might be a solution; maybe you can have someone go out there and possibly look into the possibilities of clipping those rounded corners, so that a truck would be able to get in there and plow easier; but I think a lot of complications are going to arise if we have the Cannery Village taking care of the alleys and the Town taking care of the main roads. Thank you and thank you for having us speak today.
Mayor Jones: I did want to tell you that Mr. Davis is working on some research, along with Mr. Thompson, to compile the data on the history of how the lanes remained with the Homeowner's Association in Cannery Village, so everyone can understand it, from a legal point-of-view, as well. So watch for that.

George Berkowitz: Okay. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Booros: And I can speak to just a little bit of the Boy's and Girl's Club. There is a Boy's and Girl's Club here in the Town of Milton at the elementary school. They're in the back, basement of the elementary school. They provide after-school care for kids in both elementary schools and kids from both elementary schools go there. In the summertime they have little trips and things like that, but they're for elementary age kids. Once they're out of the fifth grade... I don't know this as fact, except that when we checked about the Shipbuilder's Village property and the little clubhouse that was up there, maybe the Boy's and Girl's Club would want to rent that. Councilman West and I were looking into that. I think they weren't interested in expanding here in Milton.

George Berkowitz: See that's what my interest would be as a separate building; a big building with a pool and a gym and a place where they could play checkers and chess and games.

Vice Mayor Booros: I agree 100% and maybe we can form some sort of a little group to look into that. I also approached the First State Community Action; I met with them to determine if they wanted... They have after-school programs for Junior High and High School kids and they do things and teach them things and help them with their homework and stuff like that, after-school. They were looking at that property also to see if they would be interested in doing something there, because there were possible basketball courts and tennis courts and it's a pretty reasonable deal for that piece of property;

right there at Shipbuilder's Village. They chose not to get back to us on that, either.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I would like to say that I agree wholeheartedly with you in reference to children having something to do around here, all ages and the Boy's and Girl's Club has been here for awhile at the elementary level. Fortunately, we do have the lady who runs the Boy's and Girl's Club is a Miltonian and I think if we go and approach her again, maybe we can get to the power's to be with the Boy's and Girl's Club and relook at that.

Vice Mayor Booros: It's been a few years. Patsy Sichella, who used to live here in Town, because of the tennis courts, he taught tennis lessons and he thought that they could expand it in the summertime for the older kids and they could do tennis lessons and things like that there at the elementary school and it wasn't well received. I think they were talking about some sort of a community center here in town with the same thing; he was working with somebody else who passed away.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I think that's been quite awhile ago and I think now is the time to review that once more and go back to that. Excellent discussion.

George Berkowitz: I'd like to talk to you, maybe after the meeting.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: Yes, thank you very much.

- Mo Elgindi, 307 Brick Lane: Just to support Mr. Berkowitz, as an engineer, I practiced engineering for 45 years, I've never seen such a mess in my life. Why? Because I don't know what rules govern construction in this Town and if you don't have rules, there are State Rules, there are Federal Rules and all that you do as a Mayor, you say anybody that puts a building around Cannery Village, has to follow these rules. It's simple.

Mayor Jones: Can you be more specific, as we do have rules, so can you cite something that I can look into here.

Mo Elgindi: When I looked at your website, I didn't find really the rules and regulations, so I looked at the County and it's only 2-1/2 pages; how to put up buildings in Sussex County. That's not enough. You have to tell an electrician, for example, you have to follow the National Electric Code, which is the National Electric Code. It's Federal. The same problem when we tried to put the tank farm. People here are not experts on how the far the tank is supposed to be from residential. They're not experts on that. You have to hire a consulting firm. You hire a consulting firm; the developer has to pay for it; because he's the one who wants to put the tank farm in; because he owns this land, he has no right to put this tank farm, without reviewing safety for the people who live in there. I'm really shocked. I left Asia 25 years ago, because they had problems there. I went to get my education, got my license, practiced engineering here, put buildings across the United States. I've never seen such a mess. You have the right. Imagine if one of these tanks blows up. They're going to go back and say who got the permit for this? Where is the licensed engineer for this? I didn't see that here. I feel like I'm living outside the United States. Hopefully, this will be a wake-up call and if you need any help, talk to me.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

Mo Elgindi: Okay, thank you.

- Denise Larson, 204 Dorsey Lane: I respectfully add my concerns to the list of concerns that Mr. Berkowitz and this gentleman stated about the Cannery Village lanes, however, I do have a different situation, slightly and some of my neighbor's do, as well. Dorsey Lane, where I live, is my street address. It is the only vehicular access to my house. It's not an alley. It is my street. It is the entrance to the front of my house. I enter into my living room and I am a Town resident. So it is strange to me to think that my neighbor

across my street, will pay taxes and have their road plowed and maintained by the Town, and I will pay my town taxes and not receive the same services in the Town that I live, on my street. This also raises a concern for safety, because my street, 204 Dorsey Lane is a dead end. If the Town should come through and plow, the two feet of snow that we had back to back several years ago, on Carlton and plow boulders in front of my street, Dorsey Lane, which is a dead end; if we needed fire or paramedic access, that could be a tragedy.

Mayor Jones: Let me ask you something, has anybody plowed in Dorsey Lane, in the past?

Denise Larson: Oh yes.

Mayor Jones: Alright and you do understand that was not the Town of Milton.

Denise Larson: Oh yes.

Mayor Jones: Okay, I want to make that clear; right now your snow removal was not part of the Town, but I noted the issue.

Denise Larson: But if this is not coordinated, which I can imagine it may not be, I don't imagine that the Town will coordinate with our Homeowner's Association to have snow plowed at the same time. I just picture a nightmare situation. I'm a nurse. I work at Beebe Medical Center; Beebe Healthcare now for those who've been following the media; and I sit on a panel that discusses root cause analysis and I am paid to look at situations that can be avoided by simple measures and I think that this is a situation, potentially dangerous, public safety situation, that can be avoided by doing the right thing. I discussed with you and Mayor Newlands last year, before you were elected, that this was a wrong situation for these streets and lanes; my street, my street address, not to be taken over by the Town and...

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

Denise Larson: Thank you.

- Jim Welu: I would like to address a couple of things that were already said, before I get to the things I was going to say. Three minutes. In the ill-fated Elizabethtown, the YMCA of Milford was planning to get a piece of land there for free, I guess, from the developer, Lockwood, to have a YMCA center in the Milton area. I think it would be worth approaching them to see if they can coordinate with anything in the Town, in terms of a Boy's and Girl's Club and recreational facilities. Secondly, alleys behind houses. When I grew up we had an alley behind our house, but we have a street in front of our house and it seems to me that if... and I like the feel in Cannery Village because there are no streets in front of the houses. It's a really nice community, but the alley is their main entrance and those alleys should conform to street standards, if they don't a street in front of their house. I think that's something the Town's going to have to take up. A 9' alley may be legal, but it's not really an alley, if there's no street to coordinate with the alley. The one item I did want to talk about is one of three. I'll get to one of them, at least, is the Artesian proposal that was made to the Water Committee. I remember in the report, I think last month, that the Water Committee's Report, Councilman West indicated that a lot of people were against dealing with Artesian, after our experience with Tidewater and I could understand that very well; but we have a different Mayor; two times removed from the Tidewater experience. We have another Council, also two times removed from the Tidewater period; so I think we have a different situation with the authorities in this Town in dealing with an Artesian proposal.

I know a number of people who would like to have this thoroughly discussed, in public, by the Council, by experts, to see whether there is an advantage of doing this. We've had two bond referendums and they didn't go through; we have a water issue and I think it would be good to have a public discussion of the pro's and the con's of this proposal. I don't have any personal feelings, one way or the other, because I don't know enough about it and I don't know if the people in the Town know enough about it. If the Town decides to go forward with Artesian, then I think we'll need a good, tough lawyer's position to make sure that any agreement, stands the test of time and if we don't go forward, at least we'll be informed as to why we're not going forward. Thank you.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Booros: Can I comment on that one, Mayor Jones? As a member of Council, the only reason I know about the Artesian proposal is because I went to that Water Committee meeting and sat in the audience. It's never been brought before Council, to give anyone else an opportunity to even hear the proposal. Mayor Jones and I were both in the audience that day. We heard the proposal. We have not gotten a recommendation from the Water Committee to bring it forward at a public meeting, to give it to the whole Council at a Town Council meeting.

James Welu: The only reason I know about it, is because I read it in the paper. There was an article in the paper. The thing I don't understand is when this is such a public issue, why does the Council need to wait for someone else to bring it to them, such as the Water Committee? Why can't the Council, on their own, say this is an important issue. Let's have a public discussion on it, just like we're having a discussion today. If we need engineer's to give us advice, if we need experts, fine.

Mayor Jones: I'd like to answer that. From my own position, I look to the appointed committee's to do some of the legwork ahead of time, to have consulted with the engineer's, if necessary; to have consulted with the attorney's, who have done their homework; but to present a complete package, if you're going to recommend Plan B, tell me why you're not recommending Plan A. That idea that it comes to Council in that form, is easier to digest, because Council cannot possibly do all the Committee's and all the committee work. You understand. I agree with you and I believe that the Council will ask for the opportunity to hear this proposal, just like coming up at the end of this month, Tidewater is making a proposal to the Water Committee in the same manner that Artesian did. I am sure Council will look for a recommendation from the Water Committee of their thoughts on that presentation, as well as Artesian. So I hope that answers... I think everybody's eager to hear the same thing, but Council can't possibly run all the shows; that's why we count on the committee's. Does that make sense?

James Welu: Maybe this should be addressed to the committee, to hold a public hearing...

Vice Mayor Booros: They did hold a public hearing at that committee and I was in the audience.

James Welu: I wasn't a public hearing announced. Once the paper came out, everybody knew about it.

Mayor Jones: No, no, no. The Water Committee is noticed. Their agenda is noticed, with items on it and complies with the seven day notice just like every other meeting.

Vice Mayor Booros: And I go to as many of them as I possibly can, so I can figure out what's going on; because they all don't come back to us. Planning and Zoning doesn't

always come back to us. The tank farm only came back to us...

James Welu: I think it's a stretch to expect that all the citizens of this community are going to check the minutes of every committee, every month. Maybe we need to, but they don't.

Mayor Jones: No, you're right, but the point is that when that Water Committee report surfaces at the Town Council meeting, which is a well known, advertised... then Council and the public get another chance to hear what went on at that Water Committee. So if you miss the Committee Meeting, the information contained in the report at that Town Council meeting, should be informative to you as to what went on.

James Welu: When was that report made to the Council?

Mayor Jones: It was in our January package. We had a Water Committee report in our January packet.

James Welu: Okay, that brings me to my second point, if I could have one minute?

Mayor Jones: How about we give a rotation and you come up again?

James Welu: Fine.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

- Sandy Money, Cannery Village: First I would like to thank all of y'all for taking your day off to meet with us. You're the third Mayor that I've been through and you're the only one that's ever done this, so please note we appreciate that. Now, of course, Cannery Village, what else? But I think you can see by how many people today are here from Cannery Village, how we feel. I want to thank Mo, Denise and George. They've already kind of touched base with you on this subject. What I really would like to know is how y'all want us to handle a re-do for Cannery Village. All of the things that have happened were not on your watch. We can all stand here. We can blame this administration, that administration. It doesn't matter. This place was built during the good economy. I think everybody thought that gold was going to run forever. It didn't. I think a lot of mistake were made. We have to admit that. There have been mistakes in zoning and streets and lane and whatever you want to call it. All we've ever heard, really, I've been here seven years, well it's in the Plan. Well what is the Plan? How do we change the plan? The developer's and the Town, not under your administration, have changed it to suit their taste. They changed their pool, where it was located; they changed the concept. I heard it was going to be stores and blah blah blah. Then they change the tanks, we're going through that now; changing the tank. Then they sold 40 acres to Dogfish. None of us hate Dogfish. We love Dogfish, but Dogfish took away a lot of homes from us, which also affected our Homeowner's Association, our fees, everything else. When do we get to change the Plan and that's what we want to know? When will y'all sit with us? Should we bring it up at Town Council? Should we have meetings in private; not to hide anything; but just not to take away the time from Milton's citizens all the time; because that's what we're doing at Town Council meetings. I personally quit going to meetings. I send my son, but I quit going, because I couldn't stand one of our past Mayor's, to be honest. He was rude. He was crude and we didn't get anything done, except the developer's always do; Dogfish always does. I think it's time for us... or maybe we shouldn't be at this meeting, we should be at the Assessment meeting and get our taxes lowered, because we're getting nothing for our taxes. The only thing in this Town that I really is the Library and as far as I know, that's State run. So what I want to know is when are y'all going to meet with us and how do you want us to

present our case? That's it. I think we have a good case. We've got a lot of facts, which I'm not going to bring up...

Vice Mayor Booros: I'm going to address one. I ask every one about the Master Plan. Every, single month.

Sandy Money: I know you do, John.

Vice Mayor Booros: I turn to that man and say what the hell. I've seen the Master Plan. The tank farm was over here somewhere; doesn't it ever come back to me, to say no, you're not moving it there? No it doesn't. The way our Codes are written, it doesn't come back to this Council to decide and when it did come back to Council, on an appeal, the only thing we were asked to do, was did they handle it properly? I don't think they did. But it's been tabled to see if they did or they didn't; but the bottom line was there's a Master Plan. How do you sell off 30 acres and a mule and still have the same Master Plan? Apparently you can. I ask the question every single month and I've never gotten an answer in two years and Dogfish didn't take anything away from you, your developer took it away from you.

Sandy Money: Oh, we know that. That's why I said, we're not against Dogfish.

Vice Mayor Booros: You said Dogfish took away so many houses from you. No they didn't, your developer took them away from you. Don't ever forget that, okay?

Sandy Money: Like I said, we don't dislike Dogfish in any way; but how did they get to do that?

Vice Mayor Booros: I asked that question. I don't know how they can move your pool; I don't know how they can take a tank farm away from where it was supposed to be; sell the land without there having been some checks and balances in place, to say, wait a minute; that land you're about to sell, has a tank farm on it. I don't know how that occurred. The only thing I heard about that, was it was done. It had already gone through.

Sandy Money: I know.

Vice Mayor Booros: Somebody in the administration may have known about it at the time, because he said he signed a non-disclosure agreement, saying he wouldn't talk about it; but somebody knew about it and somebody knew that tank farm was on those plans. Oh no, but that was just the Master Plan; it's the overlay of the sub-division plan, that really is just a guide. That doesn't mean they actually have to put it there. That's what I'm hearing from Council at this table, every single month. And that Master Plan was never filed with the County, or something like that. It was never filed.

Sandy Money: Well they've always had answers.

Vice Mayor Booros: If it's never been filed, does it even have any credence anyway?

Sandy Money: Right.

Vice Mayor Booros: I don't know. I'm not a lawyer, but I ask it every month Sandy. Okay, that's all I can tell you.

Sandy Money: I know you do and I know that. That's why I said, if we have any hope at all, it's with this particular Council.

Vice Mayor Booros: We try and I think we're looking at the Ordinances now, trying to figure out what's going on.

Sandy Money: What do we do?

Vice Mayor Booros: I mean, I heard something yesterday at a meeting we attended, that talked about if we recommend something to Planning and Zoning, for their

recommendation and they come back to us; it takes a super-majority of this committee here, which is four-fifths majority, to overturn their recommendation, if we disagree with the recommendation. Yesterday, I found out that there's only one other municipality, out of 50 some in the State, that has a super-majority requirement when something comes back and it's New Castle City. One municipality. We're like way off base. So if they come back, like they did this week with something, we didn't have the votes to not go along with their recommendation, so our hands are bound. That's the way our Code is written. The Code is being worked on, Councilman Collier and his committee are looking at the Code. They're looking at the Charter. That's all I can tell you.

Sandy Money: You know even when they built the bridge to Ocean City, it was a mistake and it was a \$20 million mistake, but they fixed it. What we want to know is, what do we do? How do we fix it? Because it's wrong.

Vice Mayor Booros: We hear you every month.

Sandy Money: I know. I'm sure you're sick of hearing us.

Vice Mayor Booros: No, no, no. We hear it every month. We know what the issues are. Councilman Collier is working on a lot of those things. I don't know how we can widen the lane that was approved 12-15 years ago. I don't know how we go about widening that lane.

Sandy Money: I don't think it's a question of widening the lane, because that would be impossible at this point.

Vice Mayor Booros: Well somebody just stood up and said that's their main street; why isn't it as wide as the regular streets?

Sandy Money: That's why I say, we can't repave the road, but we can have a solution to it.

Vice Mayor Booros: You better repave those roads.

Sandy Money: Just pave them to begin with. Exactly. But I mean there's a solution to doing it. I mean I think the thing that is so, so frustrating, is like I said... like you say every month, it's brought up; we're sick of complaining. I know I'm sick of complaining. I just kind of stay in a cocoon and stay there because I just am so sick of it all.

Vice Mayor Booros: That's why I'm going to these classes, like we went to yesterday. I don't anything about Planning and Zoning, I really don't, but I'll take every class they offer, until I learn something about it and I learned something yesterday; we're so off base on that one thing, about it takes a super-majority to overturn something our Planning and Zoning Committee, who are appointed, recommends to us. A recommendation should be a recommendation and if we disapprove of it, we should be able to just have a simple majority disapprove of it and move on. That's not the way our Code is written and it needs to be fixed.

Sandy Money: It needs fixing bad, but we're the ones that are suffering. Like I said, maybe we should just go to the Assessment meeting and get our taxes lowered; because we're not getting anything for our taxes.

Vice Mayor Booros: Did you file it by last...

Sandy Money: Well I know we had to have filed it by what the 14th. So maybe that's what we should do. Maybe we should all just... We contribute a lot to the Town. Cannery Village is a big money maker, as far as taxes go.

Vice Mayor Booros: Trust me, there is no big money in this Town.

Sandy Money: I think that's true too.

Vice Mayor Booros: We're not in New Jersey and we're not in New York and we're not paying what I was paying in DC...

Sandy Money: And we're not asking the Town to pay for paving these streets. That's not what we're asking for.

Vice Mayor Booros: They've already asked.

Sandy Money: Well I know, but we know that isn't going to happen; but the developer's have just walked all over us; just one issue after another. But the bottom line, it still comes down, like Denise to a safety... We've had a person have heart problems; they couldn't even find us. These are all past issues and you've been down them all. But it's just, that we have so many, that's why I said, do you want us to take up time at a Town Council Meeting; do you want to sit with us in private to go over some of these things; I'm sure other people here, have other issues. We don't want to take up all your meetings, all the time. So how can we work with y'all? What can we do? That's what I want an answer to. That's it.

Mayor Jones: Right now, I don't have an answer for coming up with solutions for your problems. This is the first time, that in a sub-division where you live; instead of the Town having the authority over... let's say the property on the corner over here. Council's authority is limited by the obstacle of your developer and Homeowner's Association, which governs a lot of how your sub-division works. It's outside of the authority of the Town of Milton. That does not mean we don't have an interest in the citizens that work in Cannery Village; but it is a hindrance to get over those obstacles to take care of the issues you have. Milton Council, Milton, as an entity, has limited authority outside of your own Homeowner's Association and your sub-division rulings. I can assure you of one thing. We have learned from the issues of Cannery Village, we will be employing our new engineering firm to look immediately into sub-division ordinances, zoning and LPD's; because we should not sentence any other administration or citizens to this kind of problem again; so we want to make a comprehensive look. It's not the solution you're standing here and asking me for. I am trying to simply tell you, I need time to see if there is a solution for you; but in the meantime, I want to tell you, we hear you and we hear Planning and Zoning when Planning and Zoning wanted us to put a moratorium on the LPD's, so we're going forward to iron out the problems, as best we can. That is for future time, but we hear you.

Sandy Money: I understand that. Right. I know they hear us, but here's the thing, what it really goes back to; not this administration; it goes back in the past...

Vice Mayor Booros: But we can't look back, we have to figure out how to...

Sandy Money: We have to look back sometimes. Sometimes we have to look back, to go forward. If you don't review the past, you're can never get into the future.

Vice Mayor Booros: Oh no, we're seeing it in our face every day of the week. We don't have to even look back, because every single day, including right now, we're hearing it.

Sandy Money: You're paying for past mistakes. Bottom line. And we understand that, John.

Vice Mayor Booros: Absolutely. But we want to make sure that nobody pays for ours in the future.

Mayor Jones: Right.

Sandy Money: Yes, but then what happens? Do we pay for it, because the Town made mistakes year's ago; because that's what's happening. We're putting it out of our pockets

and we're paying, because the Town made the mistakes year's ago.

Vice Mayor Booros: And when I paid for fixing the signs, I paid for it out of mine too, and I don't live in your neighborhood; okay?

Sandy Money: Look, I don't live on a lane, but I'm up here.

Vice Mayor Booros: But we all live in the Town of Milton and I'll pay my part for whatever it is, to fix whatever it is.

Sandy Money: But that's how I feel. How much do we have to pay? How much do we, as citizens of Cannery Village, have to pay? We're getting eaten alive by all these things.

Vice Mayor Booros: I think this is the closest we've been to having a number of these issues corrected; a number of them; the streets, sidewalks, the pavement; things that...

Sandy Money: I agree with that. At least you're looking at it. I do agree with that.

Vice Mayor Booros: We're not looking at it. We've had the meetings. We've done the list. I think the things are going to get done.

Sandy Money: What else can you suggest to us that we do?

Mayor Jones: I think you have to give us time to collectively come together for an approach on that. That isn't something that I'm able to easily answer for you today.

Sandy Money: I understand that. Look, we're not lawyers and we're up against the lawyer who has an answer for everything. I've been to every meeting here for seven years that they've had; it's a recording. We don't even need to show up anymore; they can just put the tape in. It's that simple.

Mayor Jones: While you're standing here, though, I want to make sure, because we do have a number of people from Cannery Village here today and you'll also see it on the website as February's Town Council Meeting is announced. The tank farm issue that came before us, for the appeal process, will not come back in the form of another appeal process. Do not watch for that on the website. It will come back during the February Town Council Meeting. That is February the 3rd. So that issue, which is of interest to many, it is not an attempt to hide it, that's why I'm making this extra announcement today; that is where this issue will sit, in the Town Council and we will make a decision at that time, so I'm glad you sparked my memory. I wanted the extra time to say that.

Sandy Money: And I'd like to thank you. I don't want to take up anymore time. Thank you all, at least for listening.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

- Dr. Michela Coffaro, Milton: I think one of the things that we have not addressed, is the system in the Town, because I've gone for six years to probably 95% of the Economic Development Committee meetings. I now cannot say much, because I finally thought I would join the Committee, because we can make a difference. However, our system of being able to talk with you and I know we have a meeting next week, for the first time; but it's the system that we can't get to the Council or something gets tabled and then it goes poof; it's our system of not just the announcements of the seven days, because that's logical; but we don't have anyone looking at the entire system to see why there are so many blockages. Secondly, I want to mention the Town Manager that we need someone with expertise to be able to help out in that particular situation, so I believe we need a Town Manager. We need a Town Manager for instance on the Economic Development Committee to come, because that person has the information that we're talking about, because by the time we get the information and right now there's a consultant even helping us, but it doesn't do any good, if we cannot communicate and

then have some action; so the point being about the Town Manager, we need somebody with the expertise to write grants, to understand the laws of the State, not just to be helpful, because I have gone to the Town and I'm going to go to the tax assessment thing and so forth, but it's a bigger issue that we never have looked at from a system point-of-view. Thank you.

Mayor Jones: Just a moment. The Economic Development Committee in meeting has the ability every month to present a report under Committee Reports to the Town Council Meeting.

Michela Coffaro: Indeed and we did that with the vacancies. We have a regulation that we have presented...

Mayor Jones: No, no, no. I'm talking about, I understand that. That was a recommendation, it was an agenda item. I'm talking about each time you meet, informing the Council through a Committee Report, for which there is a line-item on the agenda.

Michela Coffaro: We will do it over and over. It's the system that still doesn't... So we tell you at a meeting; so we'll do it next meeting, again, because we already have presented something that is very, very viable...

Mayor Jones: And it was sent back through the attorney if we're talking about the vacant building.

Michela Coffaro: Right.

Mayor Jones: Okay and that ordinance right now, came to us in the form of... now help me out here, everybody who has read it, it wouldn't apply to the buildings that are already vacant, which would be grandfathered into this issue and we're talking specifically about one piece of property downtown, let's be honest. You cannot wrangle them in under a new ordinance on vacant buildings.

Michela Coffaro: There's more than one, but... Okay.

Mayor Jones: My issue on that and other things are, there's no sense in putting new laws on the books that we cannot and will not enforce; most of all, so until the vacant building is ironed out, are we applying it to commercial and residential; I think those question were all on the table when it was sent back for another draft. I don't think the thing has died, Michela, I just think it has not come back to Council in the form to be considered. Am I correct?

Vice Mayor Booros: Yes, but there was one thing that was the biggest issue, was all they've got to do is plop a For Rent sign in the window and there's not a thing you can do about it. That's it. Period. Gone. It doesn't say they have to put somebody in there. Well two of the stores had For Rent signs in the window; the rents may have been exorbitant; they may have felt, that's what it was worth. There were no teeth. There was no way we could make them rent that store at a lower price to somebody else. There's one building in particular that's never had a For Rent sign. It's now tied up in an estate, because the owner has passed away. One child apparently wants to rent it, the other child wants to sell it; they haven't made a decision. I don't know if the estate has been finalized yet or not, but the other ones, as long as there's a For Rent sign in the window, there are no teeth. You can't... Whether they even rent the property or not, there's no way of forcing somebody, so you're putting another ordinance and we have a ton of them on the books, that you cannot enforce.

Michela Coffaro: Well that's not my understanding, so therefore, we need to go...

Mayor Jones: Absolutely, and let's talk about that when we meet next week in that ability to exchange between Economic Development Committee; listen Planning and Zoning has come now to the Council for a charge; Economic Development Committee; Police Ad Hoc Committee. I think it's all a very good idea. I think it's long overdue.

Michela Coffaro: Well we'll talk about that next week. And since you mentioned the commercial vs. non-commercial, the rental of a license for commercial rental for \$150 vs. \$150 for someone who is living in their own home and doing rental; there's something wrong with this picture; that it's the same amount.

Mayor Jones: Okay.

Vice Mayor Booros: But on that note, Michela, I would like to talk about an Economic Development Committee issue from the first day you walked into the Economic Development Committee meeting. You have my phone number. If you don't, you know where to find me.

Michela Coffaro: Can I really talk to you as a council member?

Vice Mayor Booros: Absolutely, because I'm going to tell you something, the people that text me at 4:00 in the morning, don't have a problem. Everybody's got my phone number and nobody hesitates to call me.

Mayor Jones: I received a late night text saying how wonderful it was to see the snow plows out. I appreciated that.

Vice Mayor Booros: I don't check my voice mails, because my mother fills it up everyday when she calls and says call me. I know it's usually her, so I don't check voice mails, but just call me back, I'll answer it.

Michela Coffaro: Right. But I do go back to the system; if someone will look at the system and how difficult it is to go back before... I received communication that is correct, to the correct people.

Mayor Jones: Alright. Thank you.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: May I ask a question? I'm hearing that there's some type of stigma that you cannot contact the council people and what have you and I've been sitting around wondering, why has no one contacted me, my cards are in the office or whatever; because I'm used to every Board I'm on, everybody would call me, or they see me in the store and stop me and what have you, so please feel free to email or what have, just making sure that we get that cleared up, too, as I'm listening.

- Ed Harris: First, on a personal... not really an issue. Can you explain to me, from what I understand, because of Homeland Security, you're putting a fence around the water tower.

Mayor Jones: We hope to.

Ed Harris: You hope to. I know you're in the process of doing that. I was out in the yard working yesterday and I talked to one of the surveyor's and I think that's great. I think it needs a fence around it and from what I understand, I went on the website, and I did see what they really are proposing; what the Town is looking at and apparently it's going to be an ornamental fence that you're putting towards the front and you know me, I'm Mr. Esthetics and the way the Town looks, is that going to be like an aluminum fence, an aluminum security fence, do you have any ideas on what they're putting out there?

Vice Mayor Booros: I've been in a few of those meetings and I can tell you one idea we had was, the original grant thing, went in 4-1/2 to 5 years ago. It took Homeland Security a long time to say hey, here's the money and now they're saying hey, you've got

to spend it by March; it's really gotten to one of those things. They just gave us the money. Five year's ago, things have gone up, since then. What we thought we could do 5 year's ago, which was the maintenance yard, Shipbuilder's Village thing, this one down here; they were all going to have pretty black wrought iron fences around it. All was going to be well with the world. Chances are right now, all three aren't going to get done. I don't know what the quotes are going to come in as and chances are they're all not going to have real pretty things around them. Like the one up in the back of the school at Shipbuilder's Village is probably going to have a fence around it; whatever it is. This one here, it would have been nice to fence the whole thing in, but I think that's probably not going to happen either and because it's Homeland Security money, it's your water system, the well-heads, the water towers and stuff like that. Maintenance Yard is probably going to come third, if there's no money, although it would be really nice to see something around the Maintenance Yard that was decorative, it's more important Homeland Security-wise probably to do the water towers and the well-heads for our security. It will be nice, but it will also... I think and I haven't seen the Request for Proposal, but he was going to put it out so that it was like a cafeteria style; here's a black fence that's wrought iron; here's a black fence that's aluminum with spikes on it; here's the chain link fence done in black; here's a chain link fence done in regular chain link crap, so that we can pick and choose based on what the costs come in at and how much money we have available.

Ed Harris: Okay, so you haven't chosen as of yet?

Mayor Jones: The answer is it has not come to us in the form to make a choice yet.

Ed Harris: Well I went on the website and looked at the specs; what they're planning on...

Vice Mayor Booros: I haven't even looked at the specs.

Ed Harris: I've got them with me, as a matter of fact and here's my concern. I called right away. I got on the horn and I called Sussex Fence to get the prices on chain link vs. just to get a base...

Vice Mayor Booros: Time out. Time out. It doesn't matter who you call; because it's Federal money, we have to pay the Federal wage rate to a company. They're not going to pay some \$7 an hour laborer, \$40 an hour to install a fence and then turn around the next day and tell him he's only making \$7 an hour, so we're limited as to what fence company's can be good; that's why when Mr. Abbott put this out the first go around, he got no takers. Nobody responded. That's why we're running behind. We've gone to Wallop's Island, we've gone to the National Seashore, the airports, both at Christiana and Dover Air Force Base to come up with possible companies that have done Federal jobs with Federal money that would require them to pay the Federal wage rate.

Ed Harris: There are websites for that, as a matter of fact, because I went on that also; the Homeland Security website that will give you names of contractor's that will do it.

Vice Mayor Booros: Dustan Russum, our maintenance guy, found one five miles away.

Ed Harris: There's one in New Castle, also.

Vice Mayor Booros: We know about the New Castle one, we know about... but they've all been notified, I'm sure, if the RFP's...

Ed Harris: I talked to the guy yesterday, because all of a sudden I got this information and I was a little concerned, because I do live adjacent to the property and one of my properties, as a matter of fact, 310, does border that property and I looked at the

specifications and on the specifications they have... which I don't have any problem with the fence, at all; you have 75' of chain link fence bordering my property that is 7' tall. Now that property, the real estate value on that property is based on two things, of course, the land mass, the house and also the fact that it has one of the best views in town of the inlet. Now, 50' in from where my fence currently is, you plan on putting a 7' tall, chain link fence, up against my stockade fence that I have. Across the front, the specs say ornamental fencing. What I'm asking you. I have no problem with the fence. I absolutely agree that you need one for security, it to put an ornamental on that 75' stretch, going from the street back, so at least, it's going to look like an integral part of the existing fence, that's going to run down the hill.

Vice Mayor Booros: And what I'm saying to you is, I don't know if there's going to be enough money to put ornamental around the entire thing, at all.

Ed Harris: Okay.

Vice Mayor Booros: It all depends on what the prices come in at and how much money we have, because like I said, the original quotes were from 5 years ago and we didn't think we were going to be using Federal wage rate.

Ed Harris: But the schematics that I was looking at, you have ornamental fence on the lower portions, so maybe you could put a chain link on the lower portions and have an ornamental on the other side; put yourself in my position.

Vice Mayor Booros: Oh no, I understand.

Ed Harris: That's my property value and I will tell you that if it does escalate, that I will have to see some legal advice, because it's basically affecting my property value, which is if you were in any other town, if you were in Rehoboth, or you were in Lewes, and you were screwing with somebody's view or their property value, I don't think that would be _____. That's just number one. I didn't know if I should present them now or at the Town Meeting. I'll put it in writing to you all, also, but I appreciate... I'm asking you, please, to look into that as it really is a concern of mine.

Mayor Jones: Can you give me a moment. Mrs. Rogers, are you aware of just where this process stands from your last communication with them?

Kristy Rogers: Mr. Ryan has met with Dustan yesterday, along with the engineer's to perform the surveys of the properties. At that point, a bid package will be released; new specs will probably be drawn up at that point and you'll see it advertised. We'll start getting bids in. So we're still held up in the process.

Ed Harris: That follows up with what I'm telling you. If you're getting a...

Vice Mayor Booros: What's on the town website is the old Request for Proposal from when Mr. Abbott did it a year ago...

Kristy Rogers: That's correct.

Vice Mayor Booros: That nobody quoted on.

Ed Harris: That's what I'm afraid of, is I went on Security Fence Project. If they're using these specs, your bids that are coming out, they're going to give you a bid on a chain link fence.

Vice Mayor Booros: They're not using those specs. That's the old specs.

Ed Harris: They're not...

Vice Mayor Booros: They're the old specs.

Ed Harris: Well these are on your website, so I don't know what's correct and what's not.

Kristy Rogers: Yes, I should remove those because they will be redone.

Ed Harris: Okay, can you please make sure. I have no problem with the fence, like I said, it's just if you're going to put an ornamental and also just coming down the street, as a matter of aesthetics, you're going to have a 75' section of chain link, going into an ornamental, along the back of that property, which is the Town's alley technically; chain link isn't really going to make that much of a difference, but the profile as you come down that street, you're going to see 7' chain link, going into ornamental. It's just going to look trashy. It's going to look like a prison, is what I'm trying to tell you, so I appreciate your looking into that.

Kristy Rogers: When we first met, that was an item of concern, that we wanted the maintenance shop and those areas that are seen by the general public to have a wonderful appearance. They're not to look like a prison. So we have that noted for consideration.

Vice Mayor Booros: We did away with the barbed wire, by the way.

Mayor Jones: We promised not to put that constantina wire up.

Vice Mayor Booros: We did do away with the barbed wire.

Ed Harris: And one other quick thing. About the Town, really quick history for those of you that don't know me. I moved here from Washington. I've been here for 21 years and I invested in the Town, I bought an old home, I'm up in the hill, up there; a lot of you know my home. Now, let me ask you all a question. How much of your time do you think is spent answering questions for Heritage Creek, Cannery Village or Wagamon's West Shores, at these meetings? How much time is spent? 90% would you say? Okay. Well, I'm a taxpayer. There was this big thing about reassessment in the Town, that we all should be on an equal level. I pay probably more than 90% of the people in this Town, taxes, on my property up there. I'm in the upper percentile. I've lived on that street for over 20 years. I have no curbs. There are no driveways. There are no street lights. There are no decorative signs. Okay? Nothing has been done to my street in over 20 years, along with Atlantic Avenue, along with your street, along with your street, along with your street... Nothing's been done. Now, don't you think it's an insult to the resident's of Milton who are not part of these communities? I'm not begrudging Cannery Village. I'm not begrudging Heritage Creek. I'm not begrudging Wagamon's West Shores, but it just seems that everything is focusing on these communities and it's nobody's fault to say, but you know the squeaky wheel gets the worm. We have the same people that show up at the town meetings and they express their feelings. I don't see Estelle Gester, I don't see Mr. Sockwriter, I don't see all these resident's that live in these communities back here, that either are unable to or they just don't want to, because they've given up, show up at these meetings and complain about no curbs... Okay, here's an example. I hear that apparently during the last administration they were taking the trash barrels from the curb back to the houses. Okay? I have three residents on my street that don't even take their trash and there's three adults living in each one, that don't even walk their trash barrels from the street back to their house. So it's a little bit discouraging and a little bit disconcerting. I'm thinking, okay, I've been reassessed. I'm at the same level as these communities now and I stand here and I watch the resident's say we're going to go to the Board of Adjustment to get our taxes lowered; well my taxes were raised basically, and let's be honest, to support the new developments. Monies going in, okay, to put in new signs in a new development... pretty developments, they're great; but let's, what I'm hoping is, because all of you have a major investment in the Town and

you aren't necessarily in these new communities... everybody's trying to protect their own investments; that we need to take a look at what I call Historic Milton or Old Milton... the reason why a lot of these developer's and a reason why a lot of these people moved here in the first place, was because of beautiful historic Milton and it just seems, as I drive around the Town and leave here now and drive through some of these side streets. I mean, look at Atlantic, look at some of these other neighborhoods where there are no curbs, are no driveways, are no streetlights, are no street signs, but yet everything's focused on 1, 2, 3; 1, 2, 3. What I'm hoping is that... I'm going to come to the meetings again and I'm going to try to get my community more involved, so maybe we can be more involved. Okay? Because I've been busy with my parents are older and I'm taking care of them; but I'm going to come back now and I'm hoping that we can draw some more interest into Milton and we all need to live together and I feel bad for these people in their communities, but we need to take a look at why a lot of people moved to Milton in the first place and it is an historic town and driving up Federal and Union Street, how many properties are getting worse and worse and worse? It's sad to me.

Mayor Jones: Thank you very much.

- Barbara Wagner, Federal Street: I'm going to just dovetail on what he said. My concern is a little bit different. I'm very concerned about the number of houses for sale in the Town. They're not moving. People are taking them off the market, because they can't sell them and that makes me panic, because what if I needed to sell my house? I'm not sure that it's salable in this Town, so I would like... I don't know if this is part of the Comprehensive Plan discussion, but perhaps we need to have a focus group of real estate agents who come in and they tell us what they're hearing when they show the houses that are For Sale in our Town. We need to have a viable center town or we're dead. So that's my concern and I would like to think focus groups of people outside this town who would tell us what they think this town needs to stay viable.

Mayor Jones: Do you have any suggestions?

Barbara Wagner: Somehow we need to have some neutral focus groups, that are not run by people who are in power in the Town.

Mayor Jones: But focus groups – what are the topics? That's what I'm asking you.

Barbara Wagner: Ask them to generate their topics. If we had a focus group of real estate agents, they have a wealth of information on what people have said to them. Why did they leave the property and not put an offer on it? What did they think of the property? Why do they think that they don't want to live in the Town? Why are houses staying on the market for months and months? There's a house on the corner of Federal Street and Mulberry Street; they've just changed real estate agents. Maybe this new real estate agent, it's Berkshire Hathaway...

Vice Mayor Booros: It's the same company.

Barbara Wagner: No, it was Prudential that was there...

Vice Mayor Booros: It's Berkshire Hathaway now.

Barbara Wagner: Okay, but somehow these people have information for us and I don't think that they're going to offer it up. I think that we're going to have to go and ask them to be kind enough to share some of their comments with us. It can't be somebody who works for the town or their information will not be real. That's just my thought.

Mayor Jones: Okay. I'm looking at you because I'm not exactly sure how Milton and it's

Council plays into getting feedback. If it were a private citizen group that asked for this and then brought this information compiled, again to the Town, it would be something to look at, but is it the Town's business to form a focus group; because then you're asking someone from the Town to appoint those people... Is that something...

Barbara Wagner: No, I was thinking that it would be the Town hiring a consultant, but maybe it's that the Town needs a Citizen's Association. We don't have any representatives.

Vice Mayor Booros: Quite honestly, I'm going to give you a couple of examples. Number one, my house is worth about \$60,000 less than what I owe on it. If I put a sign out tomorrow I'd lose my butt.

Barbara Wagner: So would I.

Vice Mayor Booros: My former partner, who paid \$750,000 for a three bedroom townhouse in Rehoboth, now has it on the market for \$560,000. That's a quarter million dollar loss that he's willing to take. He's willing to take that loss to get rid of that house. He has it. I don't. But there's a good reason why some of these houses and if you look at them online to see what they're asking for them, their asking prices that they think they were worth five years ago and they're not going to get that price right now. It doesn't take an independent real estate agent to tell you that you think your house is worth a half million dollars, when I can buy a brand new one, up the street, for \$289,000. I get calls from people at Wagamon's West Shores; I paid a half a million dollars for my house; I paid \$480,000 for my house. Go on Zillo and look at what that house is worth right now, \$280,000. The entire Sussex County is like this. There's no secret as to why these houses aren't selling for the prices the people are asking for them. It's no secret.

Barbara Wagner: I disagree. People make offers, or they don't make offers, so I disagree, but I also think that if this Town ends up with multiple houses for sale and we have a lot; every block has at least one or two; it's incumbent upon this Town's viability to get our houses sold and occupied. So maybe it's that we need a Citizen's Association, because we've got Homeowner's Associations everywhere, but the Town citizens have nobody, no place where we can be a group.

Vice Mayor Booros: That's an idea though, a Citizen's Association.

[Unidentified Speaker]: So the proposal would be to set up a Milton Citizen's Association?

Barbara Wagner: For resident's of the Town. Yes. Okay.

Mayor Jones: Thank you, Barbara.

- Jeff Dailey, 211 Gristmill Drive: I think it was fate that I'm dovetailing here, on that. This Town makes money from the sale of homes, principally, and that's a main thrust here in Delaware, because of the transfer taxes. There are many lots that are for sale in this town that have not yet been built upon and every time a lot sells and a house is built, it's a bit of a windfall for this Town. There are two new homes, right up here on Valley Road and I was very pleased to see them there. I think that what we've been talking about is perhaps some kind of a consultant coming from real estate, but this should be part of, in my opinion, our Economic Development Committee and I think that there should be a main push, either by sub-committee or the Economic Development Committee itself, to promote the sale of lots, as well as existing homes, here in Milton, so that's my suggestion. A Boys and Girls Club, many library programs are geared toward our young people, so if there are those citizens who are interested in that, please

don't leave the library out, because they can be extremely instructive. I attend as many Council Meetings and Committee Meetings as I possibly can. Mayor and Council know that I have an ongoing issue with the fact that all of our Ordinances and also the interpretation of those ordinances by our Town Solicitor, leave out perhaps the most important ingredient, which is quality of life. For as much as I know about our Town, I don't know if we have a Mission Statement; something on the order to protect the health and well being of every resident, equally, from one neighbor to the next, which brings me to the comments on Cannery Village. I do not understand. I will never understand how a person whose house is addressed to a Lane, is expected to pay the same amount of taxes, as a person whose house is addressed to a street. It just makes no sense to me. It never will and I think that it was wrong, way back when, in 1999 or 2000, whenever the Master Plan was developed to incorporate this and on this note, I want to say that just about two months ago, this Mayor and Council, I believe I have this right, with a recommendation coming from Planning and Zoning approved 13 townhouses, in a row, facing common area, so that the nightmare that is in some instances realized in Cannery Village, is now going to be realized, yet again, in an Homeowner's Association neighborhood of this Town. If you hear me for just one second. Thirteen townhouses, accessible from the back, which all of the first responders say should never happen, because they can't get a gurney in the back door. This Town passed the building of those townhouses, with no restriction or no commitment from the developer that the back of the house would be designed to accommodate gurneys. So we're reliving the past and no, Madame Mayor and Council, we are not learning from the past; because I'll tell you something. In Cannery Village if houses are on a pocket park, with a Lane as their street address, there are no more than 5 or 6, so you imagine for a moment that you purchased house 6, 7 in the middle of that row of 13 townhouses; so the Emergency Responders come via the back Lane; they come around to the end of the row of thirteen; they put the gurney on the sidewalk and they wheel it to house 6 or 7. If I'm having a heart attack in house number 13 or number 1, they're going to get to me pretty quickly; but by the time that gurney rolls down the sidewalk to those middle two townhouses, if I'm the victim, I'm going to be dead. That's not the way a Town works. It looks at quality of life issue, right down the line and on every subject. Neighborhoods in this Town... A town is only as good as it's neighborhoods. There are problems that persist in Shipbuilder's Village, Code Enforcement, illegal business licenses... because it is an Homeowner's Association development and it has restrictions on in-home businesses in those Homeowner's Association rules. Wagamon's West Shores. I am so pleased for Wagamon's West Shores, I just can't stand myself. They have a sometimes reputable builder, who is offering marvelous products, a diversity of homes and they're selling and we're going to have a neighborhood that is built out, wonderful. It's streets are paved, dedicated to the Town and the Town is getting taxes from all those citizens, transfer taxes coming in from those new homes, but who knows? Tomorrow, a problem in that neighborhood could rear it's ugly head; maybe due to infrastructure that was approved 15 years ago. I don't know. None of us knows, but if that happens, I'm not going to think ill of my neighbor's over in Wagamon's West Shores. I'm going to go to the meetings and I'm going to put my two cents worth in, to see if that problem that arose in Wagamon's West Shores can't be fixed. The same thing is true for the older neighborhoods in this Town. You know, a property sitting there on the corner, with mature trees, easy accessibility to downtown, a

water view, that's marvelous. That's a plus for those people and they're in the Historic District. But if they've got low water pressure, I feel for them. I'm going to fight for them. Now as far as Cannery Village goes, the people living in that community today... sure maybe we should have known better... maybe we should have known that the developer had some strikes against him... but we're living there now and we're living in a development that this town created 10, 12, 13 years ago. We can't be responsible for that; but this Mayor and Council and I don't care if you have to go the Attorney General, the press, I don't care how you do it, everybody living in that community and paying taxes, has to be as safe and as provided for, and as serviced for those taxes, as the next person. That is the end of it. There are other issues that I'll approach, as we go through this meeting and I thank you for this meeting. But these meetings you have to look at the guts of the beast, as well as the nice appearance.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Booros: Can I address one of those things?

Mayor Jones: Of course.

Vice Mayor Booros: The thirteen houses that came before this Council and I think, Mr. Dailey, you were in the room during that one; once again I brought up to the attorney what can we do about it? Nothing, because when it comes back to this Council, we can't say oh no you're not doing that, because it was on the Master Plan. There was nothing I could do about those 13 houses; you know damn well there was nothing I could do about it. I also know that for the first, at least, five, there's a parking lot in front of them, so the first five people are probably okay, getting an ambulance into the parking lot right in front of their homes. I agree with you wholeheartedly. Nobody in this Town ever should have allowed this back door entry. Their suggestion was we'll just wait to see how they fix the signs in Cannery Village and that's how we'll handle this problem. We don't know that the signs in Cannery Village are going to handle the problem with the safety issues of somebody having a heart attack in house number eight, or a Fire Department that has to get to a window in the front of that house, in house number eight or seven. Our hands, on this Council, based on the way the current ordinances and regulations are written, our hands were tied... My question was, then why does it even come back to us, to bless? Because it's a waste of everybody's time if we can't stop it at that point.

Jeff Dailey: Okay, Vice Mayor Booros, I'm going to say this. There is no perfection in this world, but we have got to strive for it and I really think that this Mayor and Council is going to have to reinvent the box, the State has an Attorney General and we better start screaming loud and long, because there are inequities and each of us is expected to pay the same taxes when these streets are dedicated. Every resident of this town deserves the same services for their taxes. That's what you need to look at.

Vice Mayor Booros: I'm talking specifically about your 13 houses and the safety of the people along there.

Jeff Dailey: It never should have happened. If we're about learning from mistakes it never should have happened.

Vice Mayor Booros: Absolutely, Jeff, but I can't... that was done 10 years ago too...

Jeff Dailey: That developer should have been made to sacrifice the middle property, so that the emergency vehicles could drive in the center and get more easily to the houses.

Mayor Jones: Question. Just very tight, specific. Should have been made. By whom? Should have been made.

Jeff Dailey: The developer should have sacrificed the center homes.

Mayor Jones: They should have been made. That means in your mind, someone has the authority to make that happen. Who is that?

Jeff Dailey: Mayor and Council voted and approved that.

Vice Mayor Booros: We did not.

Jeff Dailey: Then Planning and Zoning did and I said that at the beginning. I think I have this right; it was either... I thought that every parcel, as it moved forward, came before you all. That was my understanding. I went to Planning and Zoning's meeting, they made a recommendation for approval; you all approved it. If I'm wrong, I apologize.

Mayor Jones: There is no one in front of you today that was present when that Master Plan was approved.

Jeff Dailey: No, that's not what I'm saying...

Mayor Jones: But I'm explaining that to you.

Jeff Dailey: As they move and people in Heritage Creek know this, as they move for approval to go into the next phase, that was as best as I understand it, that was in front of you people. You approved that.

Vice Mayor Booros: No.

Jeff Dailey: I'm wrong then.

Councilman Coté: Those sub-division plans are just pieces of a Master Plan that was approved a long time ago.

Jeff Dailey: Then why did they come and present? Why does their engineer come and present?

Vice Mayor Booros: Good question, Jeff and I ask that question every time it happens.

Jeff Dailey: And when and when you learn that there's a problem in Cannery Village, then you have to go to the Attorney General and say we approved something 20 years ago and now it's going to be built and it's going to jeopardize health and safety of future resident's, those people who buy here. That's what you have to do. You've got to scream loud and long. If our ordinances don't allow the assurance of quality of life, then a) you've got to fix the ordinances, but before you do that, you have to ask yourself, are we protecting each and every citizen? I don't believe that in this United States of America people's hands are tied to that extent. Health and safety comes first. Always.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

- Judy Shandler, Grist Mill Drive in Cannery Village: Two points. The first I'm going to save everybody a whole lot of money, you don't need to hire a consultant to figure out how we can get the houses in Milton to be worth more. What you need to do is to enforce some of the things that we have in the Charter, which are make sure the sidewalks are repaired and are passable for people to walk on. I think that's one of our major faults, is people drive through... we have two main streets in Milton and the sidewalks are deplorable on Chestnut Street; they're just simply deplorable. And I know that... My topic is really the Charter and how it is from my perspective unevenly enforced or unevenly followed, etc. and I will give examples and one is, of course, the sidewalks. Currently, I believe the ordinance is written that the homeowner's are responsible for the cost of maintaining sidewalks, when the sidewalks are damaged. I believe that's the truth.

Vice Mayor Booros: That's correct.

Judy Shandler: I have said before at the last open meeting, I think that should be

changed. I think the Town, that should be a Town expense and the reason I say that is the Town has... and I know we don't have money to spare, don't get me wrong, but the Town has gotten some grants that help the sidewalks for some owners; so it just seems unequal that if you happen to live on one side of the street and you've got a walking to school grant, and your sidewalks were replaced and unfortunately, you're on the other side of the street, you didn't. I would also say, just on that topic, we like to call ourselves a walking town, a town where you can walk; we're such a small town. Well then you have to give the population sidewalks that they can walk on. I was on one of the walking tours of Milton that the Historical Society gives and the guy, literally said, we need to cross the street here, I can't be responsible for you walking on the other side of the street. So that's my first point on the Charter. Let's either enforce it and get those letters out to the homeowner's and my heart goes out to them, because I think that's wrong; because we all enjoy the sidewalks when they're repaired. The other thing about the Charter is okay I live in Cannery Village, we do know that... correct me if I'm wrong, that the Charter states that until such time as the roads are dedicated to the town that the cost and expense of maintaining the roads and also maintaining the lighting, falls to the developer. I believe that is the way Code is written.

Councilman Coté: As well as snow removal.

Judy Shandler: Maintenance of the roads in all forms and the lighting. I would like to just say, as I said my main topic is the Charter being unevenly applied to different situations. Last two Councils, at least the last three, have known that in Cannery Village again, and I'm sorry to be the Cannery Village person, the developer does not absorb those costs. The developer says and I believe this is a direct quote, "He has a legal opinion that allows him to pass those costs on to the Homeowner's Association." I sure didn't read that in the Charter. I read the developer and yet, not just this Council, but other Councils have just turned away and said well we're just not going to intervene. That's it. The other thing is about the cost of the streetlighting being a developer responsibility. We all know that in earlier administration voted to pick up the streetlighting costs in Wagamon's West Shores, prior to those streets being dedicated to the Town. So we just see exceptions. We see things being applied sometimes. We bring issues forward and the Charter is invoked, and yet I've seen the Charter have different applications. Thank you.

- Steve Larson, Dorsey Lane in unfortunately, Cannery Village: I hate to bring that up. I just have a couple of quick questions. One is that impact fees that are paid when a builder's going to build a new house and continuing sewer assessments. How are they calculated?

Councilman Collier: Are you talking about the water impact fees and sewer?

Steve Larson: No the sewer, you get your quarterly sewer bill, how is that calculated? I know you don't measure what comes out of each and every house.

Mayor Jones: This we can answer. Hold on.

Kristy Rogers: When we do a quarterly water meter read, those reads also get sent to Tidewater Utilities for their billing. I'm not sure they're flat availability fee and their per gallon fee, but they do use our water meter reading.

Steve Larson: What about sewage?

Mayor Jones: That is them. Tidewater, that is their bill.

Councilman Collier: Your sewage rate is based on the water you consume. The rate that

you're charged is set by the Public Service Commission at the request of the utility.

Steve Larson: Okay and the initial Impact Fees, is that based on the square footage of the property, or...

Councilman Collier: I think that's a flat fee, per property. It's not...

Steve Larson: I know in some areas, your sewage is based on your road frontage.

Councilman Collier: And that's normally where there is a sewer district that's recently been built and they have not recovered the costs of putting it into the ground. I happened to live in the County at one time, in a sewer district and up until the time the County paid that bond off to build that sewer district, I had a frontage fee. Once the bond was paid, the frontage fee went away and then we just paid an access rate and a rate based on our usage. That's how it works in the Town of Milton and unfortunately the sewer rates are not under the control of the Town. We certainly argued with the last increases.

Steve Larson: My actual concern was and if I'm wrong, that's fine; that's why I asked the question, because I do know _____ of it is based on road frontage and if that was true, or the Impact Fee was based on road frontage, if that was true, then the people that live in Cannery Village who's address is a Lane, which is now considered by the Town to be a non-road, would not be able to be assessed that fee because they don't have any road frontage.

Councilman Collier: Let me say one thing. In your statement... I've listened to this most of the morning. It's not the Town that made this consideration of whether it's a road or non-road. This is part of, again, the nasty word around here is... the overall plan. These roads, and we're still researching this, but at some point-in-time a determination was made, or at least stated in part of the development that these roads were not under consideration for town acceptance and the town didn't make that decision, one way or the other, it was the presentation by the developer, the then developer that developed the Master Plan; you're kind of in your third or fourth stage of developer's out there, because the original plan was proposed by one gentleman, who I really wish was still around, because at least most of what he does, he does very well and I don't have a problem saying that. As it's passed along, a lot of these changes have occurred. It was interesting, somebody said there's a legal opinion about how the fees go. Well if there's such a legal opinion has it been produced? I'm talking about you all having to reimburse the developer for all of these things that he did that the prior ordinances said.

Steve Larson: The problem with that is, the developer is responsible for that, but under the Homeowner's Association guidelines and under the Developer's Guidelines, he is also... the developer's sit as the majority on the Homeowner's Association, so they have both hands in it, so.

Councilman Collier: Well, there in lies the problem, because the Town has no control over an Homeowner's Association. We don't rule on your codicils, your restrictions, any of that stuff. That's between the resident's and the developer.

Steve Larson: I keep hearing about this Master Plan. The problem is that just from my personal standpoint, the Master Plan applies when it wants to be applied; it doesn't apply when Tom Draper, and let's use the name, wants to change the community and sell it to Pret Dyer. It doesn't matter. It doesn't matter when they come to the Town, the developer comes to the Town and says we want to change the Master Plan and take these houses out and put this over here and put that over there. The Council, at the time, says that's fine. Planning and Zoning says that's fine. We can do whatever we want with the Master

Plan. It doesn't apply when Tom Draper's daughter and son-in-law want to expand Dogfish Head and take away property that's part of that Master Plan and they're going to change the Master Plan. It's okay and it just goes back... maybe it does, maybe it doesn't, but what it smacks of, what it smells like, and I've seen a lot of ducks in my life... okay... is good ol' boy network; that is being fostered. You may like it, you may not like it, you can make all the excuses you want to make, but it applies when you want it to apply. You know what, if it quacks like a duck, it's a duck.

Councilman Collier: Thank you.

Mayor Jones: This is a question out and we have 30 minutes left, but this is a question out and I'll keep it brief if anybody has this information, they could raise their hand. Has any member or the group of the Homeowner's Association in Cannery Village approached the Attorney General and received an opinion on these items? Can we make this brief, if you have. Do you know?

Unidentified Speaker: Did you call?

Mayor Jones: I'm curious about that question. If anyone has ever heard you as a Homeowner's Association. So please introduce yourself and tell me.

- John Horan, 304 Brick Lane in Cannery Village.

Mayor Jones: Does that mean you are not a street?

John Horan: That means my address is 304 Brick Lane. They pick my trash up at 304 Brick Lane; Verizon comes by to 304 Brick Lane; Comcast goes by 304 Brick Lane; the mail gets delivered to 304 Brick Lane, if it can't go in the mailbox and before I finish and I'm going to the Attorney General; I'd like to know what qualifies as an alley. Is it the amount of traffic that goes over it; is it the width of it; or what?

Councilman Collier: It's defined by width, Sir.

John Horan: By width?

Councilman Collier: Yes, Sir.

John Horan: Alright. Some 2-1/2 years ago, four of us, and I'll leave the other three unmentioned; but it appears you've cornered me, we delivered to...

Mayor Jones: The Homeowner's Association.

John Horan: No, no, no. A petition signed by representatives of 138 homes in Cannery Village. I don't know exactly how many homes were residences at that time, but I was on the Homeowner's Association and I told the people that were gathering this information and I was gathering it too, that I could not affix my name to it, unless there were more than 50% of the people in the community that signed it. So we had signatures from let's say 138 homes and I still have copies of it for... I'm in the process of getting rid of it, because this has been going on for over two years. Now one of the things we cited in the complaint was, if you recall Odessa National Development up near Middletown, I guess it is. There was a big brouhaha over what was being done by the developer. Our Attorney General is quoted, in the paper, as saying we are going to hold [I'm going to paraphrase it a little bit, but I still have that newspaper] the developer to the letter of the law, as far as complete disclosure to the potential buyers. Now, there was also another statement in there related to abuse of consumers and this is the primary reason that our letter and everything went to the Attorney General, was for consumer protection. There is a long litany of it, including the fact that the Poore's Propane lease was signed, I believe, for 35 years to begin at an unspecified date. That is in the actual contract. I've got a copy of that contract that I've gotten a hold of. The unspecified date was when the community is

substantially completed. This is a written contract. My knowledge of contracting is you cannot modify a written contract with a verbal agreement; it also has to be in writing, signed by both parties. So basically, people buying homes in Cannery Village today are bound to Poore's Propane for 35 years. I've lived there for almost seven years now, which will mean I'll be in the ground next to the propane tanks, before that contract is over. I cannot go into every detail right now, but it was mostly related to the Charter. We had an attorney on retainer. We collected money from the individuals who supported this and we hired an attorney. He looked at it and he said yes, we've got a good case for this, we've got a good case for that; sent it to the Attorney General's Office. I became the point of contact with the Attorney General and the point of contact... as a matter of fact, I met with him.... This is a letter and this preceded my involvement. This is a letter that Jim Crellin sent to an attorney, Sergovic and Carmean, with our Charter questioning the legality of the charter...

Mayor Jones: Milton's Charter?

John Horan: No, the Homeowner's Association Charter...

Mayor Jones: I wanted to make sure.

John Horan: And this legal opinion came back and said, [and again I'm going to paraphrase and Mo's got it there in front of him] words to the effect that the Charter poses very limited requirements upon the developer, however, it can impose significant financial hardship on the owners. Now, to me, and we sent that to the Attorney General as well, if that is consumer friendly, we belong somewhere in the Soviet Union.

Mayor Jones: Did you get an opinion from the Attorney General?

John Horan: The last I heard from the Attorney General was, okay they've gone through everything and he's going to send me an official letter back and I said well don't send it to me, send it to the Concerned Citizen's of Cannery Village in care of me, because we've had an LLC and everything else, Concerned Citizens of Cannery Village and when you send that letter back with your opinion, I wish you would also include, as part of your opinion, how our complaints are not consistent with the kind of things that Attorney General Biden was talking about, when he said consumer's must be given 100% disclosure, to consumers. That's the last I heard from him and that was April of last year. I have been told... it has been suggested to me that we should go to the Federal Attorney General. I've been involved in this for almost six years and I'm at the end of my rope. If someone else in Cannery Village wants to take it over and pursue it, I'll give them all the information. Part of the complaint was also lodged against the Town, that the Town did not enforce their ordinances; that the Town did not require a bond, number one; that the Town did not enforce their ordinances related to the maintenance of the streets and the streetlighting, because as Judy mentioned, the ordinance says "shall" is defined and "will" is defined and the ordinance says the developer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the streets and the safety of the streets until the Town takes over and that includes snow removal. It also says the developer shall be responsible for the streetlighting. We, the Citizens of Cannery Village over the years, have paid well over \$100,000 on this cause. I have a correspondence from a Jody Sweeney who was a magistrate in Kent County, who has ruled in Kent County that the developer is responsible for these things, until the Town takes them over. In that case, it was the Town of Dover took them over. All of this information has gone to the Attorney General and my most recent emails have been not only to this particular gentleman that I dealt

with, I cc'd Beau Biden, so people in his office are aware of this. What other steps we can take, I have no idea.

Vice Mayor Booros: Can I make a suggestion?

John Horan: Yes.

Vice Mayor Booros: I would cc a copy of that to your elected officials at the State level; Steve Smyk and Ernie Lopes.

John Horan: I've given copies to Ernie Lopes. I've given copies to Steve Smyk and I've spoken to both of them.

Vice Mayor Booros: And they have no idea why the Attorney General hasn't gotten back to you?

John Horan: No. No.

Vice Mayor Booros: Then I'd be sending it to the Governor asking him why his Attorney General hasn't gotten back to you.

John Horan: Okay, I don't think that's a bad idea, but I'm going to Florida next week and I'll be gone for two months. I've been doing this over six years. I've got copies of emails that thick and nothing's been done.

Mayor Jones: Well, you answered my question but I do want to understand that it's been in the hands of the Attorney General without a formal opinion, since April 2013? That is the last correspondence you heard from them.

John Horan: No, no, it's been in their hands for 2-1/2 years.

Mayor Jones: Yes, but I mean it's been in their hands...

John Horan: The last correspondence I had from them was April, 2013 and that, unfortunately was a phone conversation. I was trying to get everything in email, so I had a written record of the exchanges and unfortunately or fortunately, the emails that he sent back to me have the caveat on them, as they do with all official government type things, that this is only meant for the recipient, so I couldn't share...

Vice Mayor Booros: Isn't the recipient the Concerned Citizens of Cannery Village? I would have sent it out to everybody. You'd have all seen it

John Horan: Well, I have not.

Vice Mayor Booros: I'm sorry.

Mayor Jones: Now, I do not mean to cut you short. We are at 16 minutes and I actually pulled you off track when I asked about the Attorney General. Did you want to make another point so we can give the folks who remain...

John Horan: Being that the Attorney General was brought up, I would like to talk about government, just government. What responsibilities we have to our government and what responsibilities the government has to the citizens? Way back when in this Master Plan that was submitted to some representatives of government; whether they be Town Government; whether they be County Government or what have you, for approval. A contractor just can't walk in and buy property and start building. We know that. This was approved and in the plan there's a certain footprint of property and in order to maximize his profits, he was going to build a lot of houses on this. That's the great American way; let's maximize... A corn field, what do you get, production per acre. That's how you make your money. He wanted to maximize his profits and once again, this was approved by a government agencies. Now, in approving this, there were no streets named alleys. In approving this, the infrastructure provided for cable, provided for a conduit underneath driveways and such as that; behind houses. Behind houses. Even the people

that live on Gristmill, that's a main street, their facilities, as such, come in the back way; the Verizon, Comcast and all of the utilities. If an alley is determined by the width, shouldn't there also be some kind of a flag on there, about the amount of traffic that it bears? Shouldn't that be a qualifier for an alley? If you've got garbage trucks and recycling guys going up and down, if you've got mail trucks, if you've got any kind of service. A plumber comes, he pulls in the back and he comes in. These are our addresses. They should conform to the same quality of street, as the other streets in Town. That's why I contend that the calling of these streets an alley when once again, the developer configured the development that way to maximize his profits; now it's time for government with their approval authorization to look upon the citizens and say what is fair and just for the citizens? That's all I have to say.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

- Ben Stuart, 128 Ellison: I just would like to officially propose a Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Council. Somebody that could handle some of these specific questions that show up and to universalize once communities or neighborhoods and draw everything in Milton to one Advisory Committee.

Mayor Jones: May I say that as a public advocate for many years myself, I'm thinking a Citizen's Advisory Committee actually comes out of the citizens and is not a finger of the government. If you want independent information, unbiased information, I don't know that you want your government in naming those people that ought to serve on a Committee such as that, but I believe the community... correct me if you don't agree with my thinking, but I think a Citizen's Advocate Group like that, comes from it's community.

Ben Stuart: Okay.

Mayor Jones: Is there anybody that wants to add to that.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I agree. I think that the citizens should have the right to group together and come with their particular responses or concerns to the government. You get more done when you're out there.

Vice Mayor Booros: And not just to this government, but your local government, to Steve Smyk and Ernie Lopes, as well as the Attorney General.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: You get more done, I would say.

Mayor Jones: To your Homeowner's Associations in the case of those who are having difficult in the sub-divisions; if you have a Citizen's Advocate Group, it can also attach itself to any of the issues involving any of the communities and I say that, not meaning to disjoint Milton. Milton is, but we do have pocket communities in the form of sub-divisions and I think Mr. Dailey's point of a community is a community, it doesn't matter where your problem is, you're a community and that would mean all citizen's would be empathetic and helpful in trying to solve problems everywhere.

Ben Stuart: Right. Well I guess I would say, is that I'd like to stand for that.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

- Gwendolyn Jones, 204 Atlantic Avenue: I want to be very brief. I wanted to mention for the benefit of John Horan, if you don't get anywhere with Ernie Lopes or Steve Smyk, they're up for election this year and the election will be next November, so if you don't get anywhere with them, to contact their opponents. You can bet they will be addressed. The other thing is this coming week there's a review and possible vote on proposed revisions, Chapter 1 through 7 of the Charter; there was a topic of comment on the

ordinances and things like that, the Town Ordinances, I highly recommend a sincere review. I think Councilman Collier is involved with that. Going over these things and making them more responsive to the current situation... there are too many that I can think of right now without going down a list, but I think that they need to be more reflective of providing a human interpretation for things, rather than being a little too heavy-handed. I'd certainly be interested in going into some detail at this point, but other people want to talk.

Mayor Jones: Are you talking about those things that Council referred to the Charter and Ordinance Review Committee during the meeting?

Gwendolyn Jones: I don't know at this point, but I was basically wanting to go over, or at least Councilman Collier was involved with that, going over the ordinances and things. For instance, a case in point, the business license thing. Another is, for instance, vegetable or yard waste and things; making a provision for appropriate composting, rather than having to drag it away in a can. A lot of people have gardens in Milton and it's a wonderful natural source to recycle at their home and I understand the insect/pests and waste and trash and things like that, but as it is now, my interpretation/reading of the ordinances does not allow for something to be used say in an approved compost device. That's just an example. Instead of some of the ordinances an outspoken minority to be reviewed and give some interpretation for something that would be a little bit more responsible; reflective of people. Those are just a couple of examples.

Mayor Jones: Thank you.

- Lorraine Wasserman, 244 West Shore Drive: I just have something to say on the subject of advocacy groups. There are two that I know of. One that I'm involved in as Coordinator called Neighborhoods of Milton United; which we have a lot of people with that and also there was a group, we had a big meeting called Milton Speaks. I just think we should just get more people to be involved in those groups, because they're non-political and they are very effective. We're responsible to let people know about your agenda and how wonderful a candidate you are and you won by a landslide, so there you go.

Vice Mayor Booros: And I appreciate those emails from them, because that's why I'm here this morning, because I read the emails.

Lorraine Wasserman: Yes. Yes. We brought a lot of light to the... I got a lot of griping from people, but it put everybody's thoughts together, which were confidential and it's apart from the Mayor and Council and that's what we need, I think. The other thing is, I attended a Neighborhood Watch group on Wednesday evening and Captain Cornwell was there. We suggested that we would get more people involved if people got hats, just a regular baseball cap saying Neighborhood Watch; it would really let people know that people are really caring about the Town and Captain Cornwell said it's not in the budget for the hats. So I said I was going to bring it up to Mayor and Council at this forum. So that's all I've got to say and thank you to Mayor and Council for having this. It was just wonderful. The second one. Thank you very much.

Mayor Jones: Mr. Thompson, is this something I can talk to you about at another time? The hat issue, the Neighborhood Watch?

Vice Mayor Booros: And I'll make sure that Kristy gets a copy of this, to make sure everybody gets it.

Mayor Jones: We have but a few more minutes and I do see that Mr. Dailey is going to

come, because he'll be in rotation, but providing we go to the last minute, I still want to thank everybody and it is this Council's intention to do this on a quarterly basis. I have to tell you that we had one in May and me, personally, became so busy that I couldn't even have imagined scheduling one in the fall, so I do apologize for the length of time coming back to this. You can expect these. I think they're helpful. I think the exchanges are healthy and it leads to better communication and in my opinion, therefore better communities, so I want to reiterate what Councilwoman Parker-Selby said, we are accessible to everyone; some of us still work for a living, but you can still reach us. Our numbers are available to you at Town Hall. This is a very active Council that's working and I can tell you that aside from the issues that were brought up today, there are another 200 that we're juggling in the air at any one time and I don't mean to inflate those numbers. We inherited and took the responsibility in April when we took office, make no bones about it, this Council has been cautioned. We are not looking back. So just be sensitive to the fact that we are working our way through those obstacles which we find each and every day and our main focus is always the greater good. It is community with this Council. I don't know if anybody else wants to speak up to that effect.

Vice Mayor Booros: Just one thing and working through these things starts at 6:00 every single morning, seven days a week, when the phone calls start of what can be picked up before I get to work; while I'm at work, what can you do; I've called this one; this one's called that one; would you call Estelda and see if you can do this or if she can do that; you can go to this meeting, because I can't make it to that meeting. We try to attend as many of the committee meetings as we can, because as I said, a lot of it doesn't come back to us and if we don't go, we'll never know it. There may not be anything I can do about it, but damn it, I know about it.

Mayor Jones: So we will shut up and just thank you.

Councilwoman Parker-Selby: I have something I do want to say. Yesterday, just so everyone knows that we do go to training and so forth and Vice Mayor Booros was alluding to the training we went to yesterday. The University of Delaware does train people who are on Boards and so forth and the one yesterday, in listening to you today, everything you have said in here this morning, is up here in my brain and it all alludes to what we learned yesterday and I am very strong about, we have to review everything. These ordinances... I've lived here, everyone knows all my life, pretty much as a school kid and what have you; but when I got on this Council, not coming to the meetings because I was really not in town for many years, until I annexed and I am, like many of you, I am shocked, I am appalled, I'm frustrated and so I feel what you're feeling. Believe me, this Council, those of us we work hard and we're going to do all we can to get these things addressed, so don't think I'm just going to sit here and do nothing. I listen but we're going to take some action and get some things resolved.

Mayor Jones: And with that and only a moment, Sandy, are you alright?

- Sandy Money: I totally, totally agree with what Ed [Harris] said and I think the only reason that you have so many people from Cannery Village, or Heritage Creek, or Wagamon's West Shores is because we're still determined to fight for what we feel is right and it sounds like the citizens from Milton, who have lived here prior to us, have probably given up; because I think it's ridiculous that he doesn't have lights. I think we all have to go together as a Town, not a community, and start changing some of these things. That's it.

Mayor Jones: That's a great philosophy. Thank you.

- Jeff Dailey, 211 Gristmill Drive: Thank you Mayor and Council for this marvelous opportunity. One term that I would like to put out there to my neighbor's is that of water looping. I know we're looking at presentations from Tidewater Utilities and Artesian; if ever this town had an entity move here, where there wasn't an immediate need for an increase in water supply; this might be the way to go; to actually contract with one of these two company's for future need; not necessarily immediate need, but a way to augment our water so that we could welcome new business, should it arrive at our doorstep. So just watch for that term water looping and be in the loop and be aware.

Vice Mayor Booros: Thirty seconds. That came up in the meeting yesterday about towns that were prepared, in advance, to have these things in place, to bring businesses here, to bring developer's here. We don't have the water supply out there on possible places where we can annex in. Other towns had it there and I didn't understand how they had it there and they had it there with inner-connectivity with a private developer. So companies did come to their communities, because the water supply was there and it wasn't that the Town had the infrastructure to provide it; somebody else was providing it. But they were shovel read to build, or to bring people, or to bring neighborhoods there because they did have the utilities in place.

Mayor Jones: I believe Council reassured you here today that that proposal will be something that Council is interested in hearing, so with that being said, it will also give the public the opportunity to hear that presentation. I want to thank you all for coming out today and have a great weekend.

