

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF PIERMONT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 21, 2019

Present: Mayor Bruce Tucker, Deputy Mayor Blomquist, Trustee Rob Burns, Trustee Ivanya Alpert, Trustee Nate Mitchell, Walter Sevastian, Esq. -Village Attorney and Jennifer DeYorgi - Village Clerk-Treasurer.

Mayor Bruce Tucker called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #1 – Approval of Meeting Minutes

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes for May 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #2 – Approval of Warrant

Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to approve Warrant #052119 in the amount of \$113,771.38. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #3 – Department Reports

Department of Public Works - Highway Superintendent Tom Temple was not present.

Police Department – Chief Michael O’Shea was not present.

Building Department - Building Inspector Charles Schaub handed in his monthly report. Parking Lot S is now, finally, getting remediated with the County and that is the toxic waste by the health club. They are going to repave part of Gair Street. They are going to scrape and clean and take the material they find to be a problem and take care of everything.

Trustee Burns asked what they are going to do with the area where the scale is? Building Inspector Schaub stated he does not believe that area is theirs. Trustee Burns stated, on the map it is. Building Inspector Schaub stated they are only going to the areas where they detected chemical spills. Their remediation should take about 5-6 weeks and should start any day now.

Building Inspector Schaub stated he has also been dealing with T-Mobile with Mayor Tucker and trying to get them to stay on the fire tower, but they need a little bigger tower to support their equipment. They would make telescopic tower in the future, so they could add more providers in the future, creating more revenue for the Village. They downside is, they would want free rent to pay back what they had to for building the tower themselves.

Mayor Tucker stated they are waiting on Goosetown regarding the fire sirens. And then we should probably have more in depth conversations with T-Mobile to see what they are willing and not-willing to do before they come to the Board. Building Department stated T-Mobile gave him options and their tower will replace the tower that is there and would have to be about 5 feet taller than what the Fire Department wanted because their equipment would have to go slightly above where the whistle tower would be.

Trustee Burns asked if this is where the lighthouse would be? Building Inspector stated no, these are two separate things.

Parks Department – Dan Sherman stated he met with Joe Serra and the artist of the bronze sculpture today and it should be ready about mid-June. He is going to make a sketch of the footings and go over same with Ken DeGennaro. He will get a price from Eddie at Arbor Hill. On Sunday evening, the Piermont Historical Society was presented with an honor of merit from

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the Rockland Historical Society. This was for the rehabilitation and landscaping of the train station. They received 4 awards from different municipalities and showed them to the Board.

Andrea Sherman, Dog Run, reminded the Board they are having a dog walk on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 10am-12pm at the Pavilion in conjunction with Hi-Tor pet shelter. She requested from the Board for Bach to Rock music group to play music. They are a kid band. Hi-Tor's insurance will be helping with the rider. Village Clerk-Treasure reminded the Board they have to grant amplified music to be played in the Pavilion.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to approve the Dog Run to have amplified music at the Pavilion on June 30, 2019 for their dog walk event. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Dan Sherman stated they were thinking about having a drone take pictures while the event was taking place. Mayor Tucker stated we have a no drone policy over the parks. Andrea Sherman asked if they could get permission for photos for 5 minutes.

Village Attorney stated they need to speak to the Chief about that.

Mayor Tucker stated it shouldn't be a problem, but they need to speak to the Chief.

Fire Department – Chief Dan Goswick, Jr. was not present.

Item #4 - Old Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer has a request from Dan Goswick Jr. to use this current years Capital Budget money to purchase a dry suit as they did not expend all of it. They only ordered 4 sets of pants and maybe 3 boots instead of 6, so there are some extra funds in there, \$1,734. They are low on dive suits that fit on them and a lot of them are leaking, so he wanted to ask the Board if they can use the rest of those funds to buy one dive suit? Trustee Mitchell stated they need the suits and have the money left in the budget, he doesn't see any problem with it.

Trustee Mitchell made a motion to use this year's capital funds to purchase one dry suit for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the Building Department fees have not been updated since 2012 and we should put this on a future agenda to go over all the fees. Building Inspector. Mayor Tucker asked if our Building Department fees haven't been updated since 2012? Building Inspector Charles Schaub stated we do them every year. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she has a chart from 2012 that hasn't been updated in years. Building Inspector Schaub stated they don't use that anymore. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she wants to sit down and get this put back together again. When he has his building permits downstairs we have a chart from 2012. Building Inspector Schaub stated it is 1.8% now. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she wants to update it so he has a clear amount. Building Inspector Schaub stated you take the amount and multiply it by 1.8. They used to use the chart, but we don't use it anymore, we just use the percentage. Mayor Tucker stated it sound like the Building Department is not even using that 2012 chart anymore. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated it also lists other fees, demolition, etc. which need to be updated. Building Inspector stated he believes that was all done. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she didn't do them, if they were updated, they were never put in writing. Building Inspector Schaub stated he has a fee schedule. Mayor Tucker asked that give Village Clerk-Treasurer and himself a copy of the fee schedule, so they can update it. Building Inspector Schaub stated they mimicked other Villages when they updated the fees previously.

Village Attorney stated we adopted a new rental registry law, but we never got into registering the properties or inspecting them. The law does say that, by resolution, the Board is going to set

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the fee for 1) processing the bi-annual registration form with the Village if you own a one- or two-family rental that is not owner occupied and 2) there is a fee to be charged for the physical inspection of the premises that the building inspector would be going to. Based on some comparisons, we came up with \$175 to process the registration form and a fee of \$200 for the inspection itself. It will take some time to get it moving off the ground. If the Board is inclined to accept these fees of \$175 to register, and \$200 inspection fee every two years.

Trustee Burns made a motion to accept the resolution as written. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Village Attorney stated we had discussed banning weapons in Village Hall and the Courts, except law enforcement officials who are on active duty. He looked at a *District of Columbia v. Heller* and we do need to pass a local law to do this. We will have a notice at the front door that weapons need to be checked at the police department. This will ban all weapons in any of our government buildings. Deputy Mayor Blomquist made a motion to schedule a public hearing for June 18, 2019 at 7:45pm for banning weapons in Piermont Government buildings. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mayor Tucker stated he sent another email to O&R to see if they have been approved to purchase the street lights. We signed our agreement with O&R on September 24, 2018, so it has been almost 8 months since we signed our agreement. They claim it is the Public Service Commission has had it for at least 7 months, but the Public Service Commission does not give a set time on that, so they must be extremely busy that they cannot get to our street lights after 7 months. We are all ready to go on the LED lights once we get that go ahead. We already bonded for the purchase of the lights this year and we are about to bond for the LED portion next budget year. We are just waiting on them.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Alpert had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no old business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no old business to discuss.

Item# 5 New Business

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Clearwater called her today about docking at the end of the Pier. They usually dock at Alpine and cannot do that this year, but have already set up sessions, one being this Thursday from 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm. She emailed the Board the schedule. They are looking for 5 dates between May 23rd and June 25th. They will be weekday dockings. Trustee Alpert asked if they have done this before? Village Clerk-Treasurer stated yes, they do this every year, they just notify us at the last minute. Trustee Burns asked about docking fees. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated because this is an educational program, we have never charged them docking fees. If they require a permit for the bus to go out or parking on the Pier, they have to comply with that. They usually come in the Spring and in September. They will do a weekend docking at some point also. Trustee Burns asked if we could call Alpine and see if they charged a fee? Village Clerk-Treasurer stated they want to dock this Thursday, so they need to decide on that day. Mayor Tucker asked who was coming for this educational program? Village Clerk-Treasurer stated the boat itself is part of an education program and they run different charter programs on the boat. It is usually children doing an education program. Trustee Burns asked if they are loading people on here or are they coming on the boat? Village Clerk-Treasurer stated they put the people on here. Clearwater will sail to the Pier; dock and the kids will be bused in and go on the boat and do what the do. Trustee Burns stated they will need a permit for the buses. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated if they are going to park on the Pier, they need a permit. If they are just going to drive on the pier and drop people off, they do not need a permit.

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Mayor Tucker stated if it is 25 or more people, which we do not know either. Mayor Tucker stated to tell them they did not give us enough time and they cannot dock this Thursday. They are going to force us into a situation and notify us two days before they dock? Trustee Burns stated if she could get the information tomorrow, is there a possibility they could do it online and try and rectify this? It is a good purpose, it is just done poorly. Either that or cancelling the first one and telling them to do it right for the second. Mayor Tucker stated he will call them tomorrow. Trustee Alpert stated she would like to see an organization brochure of what they do. Mayor Tucker stated this is something new and does this mean they are showing up with 15 school buses on Thursday morning to take people out? They are not telling us anything. Village Clerk-Treasurer stated Stacy Vasalo from Lamont Doherty contacted her regarding about them doing a Grand Opening ribbon cutting ceremony at their field station at the end of the Pier. She is starting the preliminary process finding out what we require, permits, etc. Mayor Tucker asked her to inquire how many people they are expecting, are there any bands and what the potential dates are? Mayor Tucker stated we are for it but get us much information to us as possible.

Mayor Tucker had no new business to discuss.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist

Village Attorney had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Burns had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Alpert stated she spoke with Dan Cerassi, who did the Complete Streets training. He is interested in working with us. She was thinking more of having him develop a master plan, but he doesn't do the design, he talks through the process, it is more of giving us a tool kit. She is not sure this is going to work out as she feels we are past that and just need an actual design person. But, she will meet with him again. This is for the greenway grant we are voting on tonight. She will know more after they meet.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist had no new business to discuss.

Trustee Mitchell had no new business to discuss.

Item #6 Other Non-Agenda Items:

None.

Item #7 Review request from David Zornow for Piermont to co-sponsor the first "Rolling by the River" event of June 2, 2019

Trustee Alpert spoke on Mr. Zornow's behalf. He is involved in the Complete Streets in Nyack and he is organizing a series of bike family friendly rides and the first one is June 2, 2019 and he is hoping we will help him publicize it. But he wants to do one in Piermont. They have someone paying for their insurance on their first ride. There is someone who lives in Piermont who moved here from Lancaster, PA where they do this every week and he is interested in organizing rides in Piermont once a month, but she is not sure if we need insurance to do that. If so, we need to have him apply for economic development funds. She asked Village Attorney if this is something they would need insurance for, or can he organize people to go for a ride and we allow it?

Village Attorney stated it is a public street and you can ride your bike on a public street, but if the street has to be closed because the number of people, then it is an event. If that is the case, we will want to get insurance from them.

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Trustee Alpert asked if this is an organized event and we are not closing the street, he doesn't need insurance?

Village Attorney stated if you were to call 10 of your friends and go for a ride downtown, you should be okay. Trustee Burns stated they are asking to co-sponsor?

Trustee Alpert stated she clarified with Mr. Zornow and it is not really co-sponsoring, it is to help support/advertise. He also wants to say on a flyer, "Piermont and Upper Nyack and South Nyack support this".

Trustee Burns asked if they are receiving any income for this?

Trustee Alpert stated no. They got donations from the bike shop and grants, but they are not making money off of this. They are just asking for our blessing and promotion and maybe in the future if they needed insurance, they might need it through economic development. If they don't need insurance, they don't need anything.

Mayor Tucker stated he did not see anything wrong with this.

Item #8 Request from Piermont Historical Society to install two railroad track exhibits

Richard Esnard reminded the Board, last time he was here, the Board approved of the installation of an informational sign and an electrical relay box. At that time, we talked about laying tracks. The tracks will be in two locations, the Erie Lackawana in front of the station laying 15-20 feet of track which will be an exhibition of what the track will look like at that time. The other one will be by the Erie path and will be about 20 feet of track.

Mayor Tucker asked if these are actual tracks. Richard Esnard said yes.

Richard stated the size of the tracks are standard gauge and they have one weight to them. The Village of Piermont would not exist if it weren't for this railroad. It is a very important railroad.

Mayor Tucker asked who is building this. Richard stated there is no cost, the tracks are existing and Orangetown DPW will retrieve for them.

Richard Esnard stated the installation will be done by the Rockland County Conservation Organization. The only cost is the ties, which the Piermont Historical Society is paying for. Nyack will be cutting the rails for them.

Trustee Mitchell asked how the rails are going to impact people using the trail recreationally.

Richard Esnard stated they have cleared an area to the East of the Erie Trail. The tracks will be behind the electrical box. The tracks at the station will be away from the path and those tracks will be a little bit smaller. They will not be in the way of trail recreation.

Trustee Burns made a motion to approve the Piermont Historical Society's request to install two railroad track exhibits. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #9 Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hudson River Valley Greenway for Sustainable Piermont Action Plan \$10,000 Grant.

Trustee Nate Michell made a motion for the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hudson River Valley Greenway for Sustainable Piermont Action Plan \$10,000 Grant. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #10 Authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Berard & Associates Certified Public Accountants for the year ending May 31, 2019

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated this is Dave Wemmer and Berard Associates who do our Financial Analysis every year. Their fee went up \$200. We sign this agreement every year before they do the audit.

Trustee Burns asked how often their fees go up?

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated she looked back to 2017 and their fees did not go up in 2018 but did in 2017. Before that he was with KPRJ, he has now merged with Berard.

Trustee Burns asked what the base is that is went up?

Village Clerk-Treasurer stated it is \$11,000 for the audit and \$2,200 for the Justice Court, which is separate and comes out of their budget. If there is an audit determined that a federal single audit is necessary, their fee would be increased by approximately \$2,000, but that has never happened. We budget the \$11,000 under the accounting line.

Trustee Burns asked if the \$11,000 going up to \$11,250? Or \$10,750 going up to \$11,000.

Village Clerk-Treasurer agreed with the latter.

Trustee Burns made a motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Berard & Associates Certified Public Accountants for the year ending May 31, 2019. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Blomquist and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #11 Request from Rockland Electric to waive the Building Department application fee for the removal of the poles along Ferry Road

George Fanshaw of Rockland Electric representing the group and they are requesting the building permit fee (1.8%) be waived, once it has passed Planning Board. Kristen Fanshaw advised the Board they are going before the Planning Board June 10, 2019 for approval. They have a contract with Orange and Rockland to remove ten poles along Ferry Road and rewire the primary service underground. They consider this a community development project and Rockland Electric is doing this project at no cost and are donating the work and for those reasons, they would like to request the permit fee be waived.

Trustee Burns stated in excess of 10 homeowners are putting up about \$10,000 to have these poles and unsightly wires removed from the ballfield out the dogleg, which he feels will make a difference as far a beautification in that area. They are using their own money to do it. He believes if this gives them a little extra incentive and help, he is not opposed to waiving the fee.

Trustee Alpert asked if there are any costs to the Village for this?

Mayor Tucker asked what the fee would be?

Building Inspector Schaub stated it is a \$175 administrative fee for everybody, plus 1.8% of the cost of construction. Mayor Tucker asked how much the cost of construction is? George Fanshaw stated it depends if you include the \$100,000 they are paying Orange and Rockland, then there are excavation costs, installation costs, etc. Mayor Tucker asked if the excavation and installation would fall under the permit? Building Inspector stated he doesn't believe we would charge for the O&R portion of because when O&R works on their poles we do not get involved in that, that part is excluded. Trustee Burns asked if the total amount is \$150,000? George Fanshaw stated that is including O&R. The install and excavation (about \$60,000) to be waived for the 1.8%. Building Inspector stated he thinks the administrative fees stays, but they are

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asking for the Building Permit fee to be waived (1.8% on the cost of construction). George stated all the work is on Village property and all the improvement is going to the Village, not on private property. Kristen stated the estimate is \$25,000 of work that George is doing for free. Only their subcontract needs to be paid, which is \$50,000 x 1.8% (\$900).

Mayor Tucker stated they are asking them to waive the \$900 fee but keep the \$175 administration fee. He doesn't want to set a precedent, but on the other hand it is on Village property.

Trustee Burns stated it is enhancing the view of Ferry Road, getting rid of the poles and most of the wires aren't even used anymore. And the fact that they are putting up most of their own money to do it, and it is going to cost us \$1,000 out of pocket.

Trustee Alpert asked everything is paid for, it is just the fees?

George Fanshaw stated they know once they get approved at the Planning Board, they are going to have to take out the permit and saw it is 1.8% and they wanted to make sure they could get the O&R costs not included in the 1.8% and to have it waived.

Building Inspector Schaub stated it is on Village property and the Village doesn't pay permit fees on their own property.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to waive the Building Permit fee, other than the \$175 administrative fee, for the removal of the poles along Ferry Road. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #12 Review Building Department Special Permit Fees

Mayor Tucker stated the Special Permit fee is \$250 now.

Trustee Alpert asked if we have different fees for resident vs. non-resident? Building Inspector stated no, it is one fee for everybody. He stated we could make it a residential fee and commercial fee if we wanted.

Mayor Tucker stated he looked over this with Building Inspector Schaub and he thinks we should raise this fee to \$300.

Trustee Burns stated in the future we can look toward doing a separate fee for commercial, but not including it now.

Mayor Tucker made a motion to raise the Special Permit fee to \$300. The motion was seconded by Trustee Burns and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Item #13 Public Comment

Betsey Franco-Feeney, 500 Piermont Avenue – The lines for the parking spaces are pretty much gone in front her place and along Piermont Avenue. People do not know where to park because they do not see the lines. Mayor Tucker stated they are working on the lines now. All the cross-walks and lines, they have just been behind because of all the rain.

John DiTemple, 70 Piermont Avenue – He wanted to address trees and vines that are encroaching on the property behind his house. He moved in last May. There is a complete vine infestation killing and knocking down trees behind the house. He has trimmed and thinned out a bunch of this area and talked to the Building Inspector and found out that is Town of

Orangetown property and it is really not a Piermont issue. He trimmed some on his own as a tree and thinned it out dramatically. Mayor Tucker asked if Orangetown is maintaining that property? Building Inspector Schaub stated they are supposed to. He spoke with Mr. DiTemple earlier and when trees have fallen in the past to the back of those homes, Orangetown goes in, takes the tree down and cleans it up as it is their property, not Piermont. He told Mr. DiTemple to speak with Orangetown and see what they say. Orangetown told him to speak to Piermont. Building Inspector suggested he speak to the Orangetown Parks Department. Mayor Tucker asked Mr. DiTemple that if he didn't hear anything from Orangetown to contact the Clerk's Office. Mr. DiTemple stated his neighbors also have concerns. Mayor Tucker suggested they call Orangetown Parks Department as well.

Hank, Community Center – The parking signage in front of the Market could really use some upgrading so people are aware it is limited time parking. Where the sign is now, there is the sign and the fire hydrant and then the parking space, so people are not really looking at it. The Police Department are enforcing it to the best of their ability, but it is more in bad weather that it really needs to be addressed for him, so people can run in and run out. He is thinking some kind of signage up there so people can identify those spots for limited time parking. Unfortunately, the stencils on the street worked beautifully, but did not go over too well. He needs something done because people don't see it. When he tells people the spots are limited, they kind of get an attitude. He thinks something needs to be addressed there. Trustee Alpert asked if would putting one additional sign on the other side help? Hank stated you could park their now and get a ticket and be upset because you didn't knowingly break the rules. Some people knowingly do it. Mayor Tucker stated him and Tom Temple did look at those four spots and they think they can put 2 signs. One in between two spots that are together and one for the other two spots. That will be four total signs to help people follow them. We do not have a parking attendant/meter maid, but it might be something worth looking into in the future. In the meantime, he thinks these additional signs might help.

Trustee Burns made a motion to install two additional signs for the 15-minute parking spots in front of the Community Market. The motion was seconded by Trustee Mitchell and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Mitchell Warren, resides at 462 Piermont Avenue and rents a commercial space at 458 Piermont Avenue and manages Piermont Development Corps. Building 454 to 462, he is not speaking on behalf of them, he is speaking on behalf of himself. They are becoming a little bit congested with bicycles due to a new larger bicycle rack that is being put in place. It is a little prohibitive with the sidewalk usage at night and during the day. It is a double-sided bike rack and it reduces your walking path from 36 inches down to less than 20 inches and he has pictures. It is also reducing business traffic and people with strollers have to walk into the street to avoid this. There is a new sign put on the post put in a singular spot saying, "no parking 6am to 9am". It is to benefit one sole business in Piermont. He is not sure what deal was made to provide additional bicycle parking in Piermont, however, it should not be to benefit one business, especially when he manages a building with 6 apartments and 4 commercial spaces below. He is not speaking on behalf of Piermont Development Corporation, he is speaking as a resident and business owner. He is not sure how this all came to be.

Mayor Tucker said he is not sure either, and it was before his time.

Mr. Warren stated the sign showed up last week on the post and it is an official legitimate printed sign. That would enable to put their bike racks by 7am when they open. It also inhibits Village sanitation, depending on where they pull up as well as food delivery service. There is a very large issue here aside from the two small racks that were 8 racks a piece turned into a 20+ 8 rack. Now there are 48 bikes in one public spot. He has photos (which he emailed to Village Clerk-Treasurer) and thinks the bike situation needs to be addressed pretty quickly in Piermont.

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Building Inspector Schaub stated someone mentioned to him about the larger bike rack. He spoke to the owner of the store that is putting out the bike rack and told them they could not put the bike rack on the sidewalk and block public access.

Trustee Burns asked who put the sign up?

Mr. Warren said it is 6 feet up the pole, just below the "No Parking" sign. He further stated this is a biking town and they only benefit certain aspects, they do not benefit him. So, why don't we split the parking or create a separate situation where it is safe and more user friendly.

Deputy Mayor Blomquist stated he does not believe we every allowed a sign like that. He believes someone put that up on their own.

Building Inspector stated there have been fights in the past about that parking spot. People would park there and then that store wanted to put their bike rack out and a car was parked there, but it is a two-hour parking spot.

Mayor Tucker asked Building Inspector if there was an agreement made with this entity?

Building Inspector stated there is some sort of agreement in the file. The bike rack needed to come off the street and off the sidewalk at night, which he explained to the new owner.

Mayor Tucker asked the Village basically allotted them the parking spot?

Village Attorney stated they came to the Village and said they had all these bikes coming and people are just leaning them against people's windows, in the middle of the street. The Village tried to do something to control the bikes by permitting the bike rack during the day but remove it by night and not blocking the sidewalk.

Trustee Burns asked if there was a number of bikes that it could accommodate?

Building Inspector Schaub stated they could only take one space. What is happening now, it is encroaching into more than one space when they do it because they are going parallel to the road and perpendicular, which is going into the road.

Village Attorney stated it's a problem because on one hand you want bikes to come, they patronize the business. The flip side is, another business could easily say they wanted their own spot.

Mr. Warren stated it's fine up to a certain point when you are hitting 40 plus bikes in one spot. If we allowed another spot, maybe in front of the Community Market, someone else that might benefit from it. It is becoming a safety concern. When his friend could not push her stroller past the bicycles and went into a lane of traffic to get passed because the bicycles are onto the curb.

Trustee Alpert stated wheelchairs cannot get by either.

Building Inspector stated he gave the business owner to remove the benches from the sidewalk in front of her business. You still have a wide enough sidewalk when the rack isn't there. When she pulls the rack up at night between the bench and the rack, you don't maintain a 3-foot corridor for anyone to get by.

Trustee Burns asked, if she also has double the amount of racks, that is also a violation, correct?

Building Inspector Schaub stated he would have to see how it reads in the file (per bicycles or just one spot).

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Trustee Alpert stated she believes we need more bike racks in the village and in front of Village Hall there are huge wide-open parking spot (on the sidewalk), so many it would make sense to put some more bikes there since the sidewalk is so wide.

Mayor Tucker stated the issue is most cyclists don't carry locks, so they always want to be parking their bikes in front of wherever they are going into so they can keep an eye on their bike. They are not going to park their bike a half-block away and walk into a grocery store or coffee shop.

Trustee Mitchell asked about "Citibike" for storing their own bikes and charging a fee for unlocking their bike.

Trustee Alpert stated they are riding with 3-4 people and if you put out table and chairs, their friends might run inside while they run in. Even if it cuts down partially.

Mr. Warren suggested making one of the two diagonal spots at corner Gair Street and Piermont Ave designated "car only" available for bikes. They can cross safely, and it would only be 15-feet away from where their bikes are. There are a few options.

Patty Lukes – She was happy with the cutting of the shrubs on the Northshore Walkway, however, the DPW did not cut the Village shrubs down by The Rowing Club. She asked if the shrubs could be cut by the ramp because they can't see the River.

Item #10 Adjournment

Trustee Burns made a motion at 8:50 pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Trustee Alpert and so carried with a vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeYorgi
Clerk-Treasurer