

**TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 13, 7:30 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

The meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Macnow followed by a salute to the flag. The following statement was read by Municipal Clerk, Ms. Kara: "The notice requirements of the New Jersey Public Meetings Law have been satisfied by noticing the News Transcript on January 12, 2017 stating that a regular meeting of the Colts Neck Township Committee would be held September 13, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., Colts Neck Town Hall, 124 Cedar Drive, Colts Neck, New Jersey. The notice requirements have been posted on the Township website and a copy is on file in the Office of the Township Clerk."

Roll call by Ms. Kara indicated the following:

**Present:** Mayor Russell Macnow, Deputy Mayor J.P. Bartolomeo, Committeemen Edward Eastman, Jr., Thomas Orgo and Frank Rizzuto

**Also Present:** Kathleen Capristo, Administrator/Deputy Clerk (arriving late); Beth Kara, Municipal Clerk; and Meghan Bennet Clark, Esq., Township Counsel

**Absent:** None

1. **MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Mayor Macnow thanked Mrs. Burry and all those who planned and participated in the September 11<sup>th</sup> program this past Sunday. In memory of all those that perished that day, including the five men from the Colts Neck community, Mayor Macnow requested a moment of silence this evening.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2017. Mayor Macnow called for comments. Hearing none, Mayor Macnow called for a motion. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried.

<b>RECORD OF VOTE</b>						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	M		X			
Eastman			X			
Orgo		S	X			
Rizzuto			X			
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3. **MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION:** SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017. Mayor Macnow read the Proclamation in full, urging all residents to become aware and involved. Mayor Macnow presented the Proclamation to Ms. Anita Dedalis. Mayor Macnow spoke of the dinner of the Dennis Zilinski Foundation he and Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo attended and the positive impact this Foundation has by providing service dogs for those in the military returning from overseas. Ms. Dedalis received the Proclamation and a round of applause; photographs were taken.
4. **PRESENTATION:** REQUEST FOR WAIVER TO STREET OPENING RESTRICTION, 164 LAIRD ROAD. Mayor Macnow advised at the request of the resident, this agenda item would not be discussed tonight and would be placed on the September 27 agenda.

5. **DISCUSSION:** MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 222, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, §222-4. PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS ON CERTAIN STREETS (POSSIBLE ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION) Mayor Macnow stated that with the exception of holidays and Saturday into Sunday, there is no exception to street parking within the Township between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., and residents are in favor of retaining this restriction. In addition, Mayor Macnow advised there are streets with a blanket prohibition for street parking around the high school, the reservoir, and the entire Grande community, which has narrow streets requiring emergency services access. Messrs. Orgo and Rizzuto reviewed the current Code, and Mr. Rizzuto met with Chief Sauter to discuss further. Counsel Clark stated the Police Traffic and Safety Unit is reviewing the streets with a blanket prohibition. Mr. Rizzuto commented he was surprised at the support within the community to retain the current parking restrictions and reason given was to preserve the rural nature of the Township. Residents have expressed concern that if the restrictions are relaxed, a vehicle could remain parked on the street until complaints are received. Mr. Rizzuto noted they are reviewing the Code line by line, and have found additional revisions required. It is anticipated the recommendations made by the Traffic and Safety Unit will be provided to the Township Committee by the next meeting. Counsel Clark spoke of the adverse impact a mandatory court appearance for parking is to motorists, especially those visiting from out of state. Discussion ensued about parking warnings, and Counsel Bennett advised you cannot codify a warning system. Consensus of Governing Body was the mandatory court appearance should be eliminated from the Code for parking tickets. Residents having large parties requiring street parking should notify the Police before their event. Further discussion to take place once Traffic and Safety Unit recommendations are received.
6. **DISCUSSION:** PARKING ORDINANCE, COURT PAYABLES VS. MANDATORY COURT APPEARANCE. The Township Committee reviewed the list of current ordinances requiring a court appearance and those requiring a fine payable to the Court. Discussion ensued. Township Committee directed Counsel Bennett to proceed in requesting approval from the County to revise the Code and eliminate the requirement for a mandatory court appearance.
7. **ORDINANCE 2017-18:** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND THE PAYMENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE OF REAL PROPERTY BEING DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 41, LOT 3 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$715,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$680,952 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was read by title at first reading by Mayor Macnow. Mayor Macnow stated prior to this meeting, the Township Committee held a special meeting advertised and noticed in the Asbury Park Press and News Transcript, respectively, to summarize an application being proposed to the County of Monmouth for Open Space Grant Trust Funds and hold a public hearing. The Township is seeking a \$250,000 County grant to acquire property bisecting Five Point Park. The property is now vacant and the Township has right of first refusal. Mayor Macnow noted the Township wants to fund the acquisition for purposes of establishing public parking for the park or recreational use. Hearing no comments, Mayor Macnow called for a motion. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing September 27, 2017.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	M	X			
Eastman		X			
Orgo		X			
Rizzuto	S	X			
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8. **ORDINANCE 2017-19:** ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION BY NEGOTIATION OR EMINENT DOMAIN OF REAL PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS BLOCK 41, LOT 3 ON THE TAX MAP OF COLTS NECK was read by title at first reading by Mayor Macnow. The Township retained the right of first refusal for the purchase of this property. The Township has determined it necessary and in the public interest to acquire the property for the public purpose of establishing a recreational field and/or public parking lot, as the property runs adjacent to Five Point Park. This ordinance authorizes acquisition through negotiation or eminent domain proceedings. Mayor Macnow advised the property was recently appraised at \$690,000 and the Township is looking to amicably purchase this property. Hearing no comments, Mayor Macnow called for a motion. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing September 27, 2017.

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Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	M	X			
Eastman		X			
Orgo	S	X			
Rizzuto		X			
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9. **DISCUSSION:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 102, "DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK. Mr. Timothy Anfuso, P.P., Planning Officer, advised at the request of the Shade Tree Commission, the Long Range Planning Committee reviewed the Township's landscape planting requirements and prepared the ordinance, which has been reviewed and concurred by the Shade Tree Commission. The ordinance proposes several major amendments, as follows: 1) Either a licensed Landscape Architect or Professional Engineer can prepare a Landscape Plan; 2) The minimum caliper of shade trees is increased from 2 inches to 2.5 inches at the time of planting; 3) The size of existing trees to be located are 10 inches as part of a Tree Location Plan; 4) Landscape requirements for detention basins and retention ponds are established; 5) The size of the buffer separating residential and non-residential uses is increased to 30 feet in residential zones and 50 feet in non-residential zones; 6) The volume of plantings required in commercial parking lots is increased; landscaping is required along the parking lot perimeter and landscape islands are required at the end of rows of parking; and 7) Commercial parking lots are required to reserve sufficient landscaping-free area for the stockpiling of snow. Hearing no comments from the Township Committee, Mayor Macnow read **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-20** by title at first reading and called for a motion. Mr. Orgo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bartolomeo and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing October 11, 2017.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	S	X			
Eastman		X			
Orgo	M	X			
Rizzuto		X			
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**10. DISCUSSION:** ORDINANCE AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING AND RE-TITLE CHAPTER 91, "BUILDING AND LOTS, NUMBER OF" TO "STREET ADDRESS, NUMBERING OF" IN THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. Mr. Anfuso advised the ordinance requires all lots with principal structures to post a set of street address numbers within 15 feet of the front property line, which will facilitate Emergency Services Units to identify the location. The ordinance does not prevent a second set of numbers posted on building facades. Mayor Macnow noted many homes are placed far from the road in this town. Hearing no comments from the Township Committee, Mayor Macnow read **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-21**, by title at first reading and called for a motion. Mr. Orgo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bartolomeo and unanimously carried. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing September 27, 2017.

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Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	S	X			
Eastman		X			
Orgo	M	X			
Rizzuto		X			
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**11. DISCUSSION:** ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK TO ESTABLISH A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED, "MAILBOX DAMAGE DUE TO SNOW PLOWING" Mr. Anfuso advised the Township Administrator receives between five and ten requests for reimbursement of mailbox damages due to snow plowing, and all are handled on a case-by-case basis. This ordinance establishes uniform procedures to reimburse homeowners for damages to mailboxes caused by snow removal operations. Mr. Eastman commented the ordinance is well written; however, he does not agree with it. Mr. Eastman noted the side of the road is where an estimated 80% to 85% of mailboxes are placed is in the Township's right of way and the Township is rewarding people for locating their mailboxes on land that is not theirs.

Ms. Capristo arrived at 8:12 p.m.

Mayor Macnow commented this ordinance was prepared by the Long Range Planning Committee, comprised of the Mayor, Mr. Orgo, Mr. Anfuso and three members of the Planning Board. This ordinance is intended to address complaints received by the Township Administrator. Mr. Orgo noted if you live on a County Road and incur damages, the County will not reimburse you. Mr. Anfuso spoke of the Township's right of way, as well as USPS guidelines for mailbox placement to ensure delivery. Hearing no further comments from the Township Committee, Mayor Macnow read **ORDINANCE NO. 2017-22** by title at first reading and called for a motion. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and carried by Messrs. Macnow, Bartolomeo, Orgo and Rizzuto; Mr. Eastman opposed. Mayor Macnow set the public hearing September 27, 2017.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	M	X			
Eastman			X		
Orgo	S	X			
Rizzuto		X			
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- 12. RESOLUTION 2017-119:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF MONMOUTH COUNTY 2017 MUNICIPAL OPEN SPACE GRANT APPLICATION was read by title by Mayor Macnow. This resolution authorizes submission of a 2017 open space grant application to the County discussed earlier this evening during the special meeting. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	M	X			
Eastman		X			
Orgo		X			
Rizzuto	S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent					

- 13. RESOLUTION 2017-120:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF COLTS NECK AND U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BY SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICES. Mayor Macnow advised this resolution is not ready for discussion this evening.

- 14. RESOLUTION 2017-121:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF BIDS FOR DISPOSAL OF LEAVES was read by title by Mayor Macnow. Counsel Clark advised the two bids received were reviewed and both contained fatal flaws and should be rejected. The bid for disposal of leaves will be re-advertised. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE					
Committeeman	M S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow		X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	M	X			
Eastman		X			
Orgo	S	X			
Rizzuto		X			
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**15. MOTION TO ADOPT A CONSENT AGENDA:**

All items listed on the "Consent Agenda" are considered routine by the Township and are adopted or approved collectively by a single motion and roll-call vote of a majority of the Township Committee. If discussion is desired on any item, it is considered separately.

Mayor Macnow read the previous paragraph, then read the following resolutions by title:

**\*RESOLUTION 2017-122:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF SPECIAL PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, BLOCK 53.01, LOT 6 (91 OBRE ROAD)

**\*RESOLUTION 2017-123:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEES, PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION 617 (MANOR HOMES)

**\*RESOLUTION 2017-124:** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE, AMBOY ROAD ASSOCIATES, PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION NO. 719A, BLOCK 39, LOT 11.01

**\*RESOLUTION 2017-125:** RESOLUTION CONFIRMING HIRING OF MATTHEW S. HALL, COLTS NECK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Orgo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo			X			
Eastman			X			
Orgo	M		X			
Rizzuto		S	X			
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**16. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Capristo advised of the following:

- The Township curb project is completed. Portions of Maplecrest, Millbrook, Christopher, Hialeah, Squire, Village Lane and Williamsburg are done. In addition, the steps at the Library and Police buildings have been repaired as well as a small repair at the side entrance at Town Hall.
- The NJDOT paving project at Five Point Road (Route 18 to the Howell border) will commence on or about September 25. Pipe replacement will require the road to be closed for two days, with detours through Howell and Freehold. Electronic signs will be placed in advance and the Township's website will include updates.
- The Route 34/537 intersection is anticipated to start later this month. The Creamery Road Bridge work will require a two-week road closure; open to local traffic only.
- The Township road project will include paving of Raven, Fox Hedge, Laredo, Rivers Edge and Montana and is projected to begin mid-October. Details will be posted on the Township's website.
- The Town Hall walking path project will have the bid opening September 26, and anticipated bid award September 27. Depending on the contractor and availability, the project will be completed fall 2017 or spring 2018.
- The Hillsdale Road bridge project is expected to begin late October/early November.
- The Township Engineer evaluated a number of roads for application to the 2018 NJDOT Municipal Aid Program, and has recommended Bucks Mill Road. The Township Committee unanimously concurred and requested Ms. Capristo advise Mr. Gerken to proceed.
- The NJNG Meter Exchange Program requires select meters to be replaced. NJNG will be sending letters to affected residents this week and will be telephoning those affected. During the replacement process, the gas is turned off, and residents must contact NJNG to re-start gas service.
- Brush collection is on schedule and Zone 2 is finishing this week, with Zone 3 starting next week.

- JCP&L has assisted the Township with removing dead trees on Boundary Road and Lakeside Avenue.
- Copies of the News Transcript weekly newspaper is available at Town Hall and the Library.

**17. MOTION TO APPROVE VOUCHERS:** Mr. Bartolomeo noted he reviewed the vouchers and recommended the following be approved:

Animal Control	\$256.16
Capital Fund	\$65,367.56
COAH	\$1,022.50
Construction Trust	\$32,140.02
Current Fund	\$3,152,248.82
Escrow	\$127,076.82
Grant Fund	\$6,382.70
Tax Collectors Trust	\$149,930.40
Trust Fund	\$31,770.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$3,566,195.79</u></b>

Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried with the exception of Mayor Macnow abstaining from approving bills payable to Sakoutis Brothers Disposal, Inc.<sup>1</sup>; Mr. Eastman abstaining from approving bills to Michael P. Bolan; 4 Ward Planning, Inc.; and Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi<sup>2</sup>; and Mr. Rizzuto abstaining from approving bills for Fire Department expenditures<sup>3</sup>.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X <sup>1</sup>		X <sup>1</sup>	
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo			X			
Eastman			X <sup>2</sup>		X <sup>2</sup>	
Orgo		S	X			
Rizzuto	M		X <sup>3</sup>		X <sup>3</sup>	
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**18. TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Eastman had no report this evening.

Mr. Rizzuto reported the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony went well and commended Mr. Bader, DPW Director, who came on his own time to set up. Mr. Rizzuto then commended the following groups for their participation: Fire Companies 1 and 2; Fire Police (also assisted with parking); CBA Pipes and Drums, CNHS ROTC, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, Col. James Sfayer; NWS Earle Sailors and Executive Officer; Colts Neck Reformed Church Clergy, Organist and Exultation Ringers; Colts Neck Community Church Clergy; St. Mary's Church Clergy and Soloist; and remarks by Congressman Chris Smith, Mayor Macnow and Theresa Furmato Velardi, who was both touching and heartfelt. Mr. Rizzuto commented Colts Neck did a great job with this program and thanked Freeholder Director Lillian Burry.

Mr. Rizzuto reported the bronze marker at Hominy Hill Golf Course would be placed soon.

Mr. Rizzuto advised the Historical Preservation Committee has arranged for Thomas Jefferson to visit students at the Cedar Drive School in early November.

Mr. Rizzuto reported the Historical Preservation Committee will be hosting the Country Christmas scheduled for December 10, from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at the Montrose Road School House.

Mr. Rizzuto reported the Shade Tree Commission is working at the Core Site Arboretum to address the deer destruction. Shade Tree is also finding cases of clearcutting the Greenways in town.

Mr. Rizzuto is seeking a cover sheet for plans that are scheduled to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Committee. Mr. Orgo suggested Mr. Rizzuto speak with Mr. Anfuso, as there was a cover sheet developed several years ago for that purpose.

Mr. Rizzuto stated he will try to obtain interior flags from the County showing their new logo.

Mr. Orgo reported the Planning Board met briefly to review a cell tower hot spot on top of a building.

Mr. Orgo advised the new CNBA flyer includes a coupon for a free mug from participating businesses in town. Mr. Orgo noted this is the third style of giveaway mug from the CNBA businesses. Mr. Orgo reported the CNBA pig roast is scheduled for September 26 at Bucks Mill Park. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door. The CNBA is having a card exchange on October 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the new location of DeFalco Realty, Orchards Shopping Center.

Mr. Orgo reported the Library has past issues of the Colts Neck Calendar and urged all to visit and enjoy these issues, which are free for the taking, as a gift from Mrs. Virginia Amend, Editor and resident.

Mr. Orgo reported County road projects within the Township. Creamery Road is closed to thru traffic, and Hillsdale Road will be closed to thru traffic in November 2017 through April 2018 for bridge replacement.

Mr. Bartolomeo gave kudos to Freeholder Director Burry for the September 11<sup>th</sup> ceremony noting both he and Ms. Hanlon, County Clerk, thought it was very well done.

Mr. Bartolomeo reported the Senior Citizens Club will have flu shots available at their next monthly meeting. Mr. Bartolomeo advised of the Safe Care Cam Program, which loans a video camera for those with elders in care. Information about this program now available to New Jersey residents is on the Township's website and posted in Township buildings, and Mr. Bartolomeo will be bringing this information to the next Senior Club meeting.

Mr. Bartolomeo reported Soccer season kicks off this Saturday, 9:00 a.m. at Cedar Drive.

Mayor Macnow thanked all for participating in the September 11<sup>th</sup> Ceremony. Mayor Macnow commented Congressman Smith travelled up from Washington to speak at the ceremony, then returned to D.C. Mayor Macnow noted the memorial fountain and benches look fantastic and a beautiful commemoration to those five men from town that were lost that day.

Mayor Macnow reported Rockfest will be held September 22-23, at Bucks Mill Park. Mayor Macnow noted great music played by local musicians ranging from reggae to rock and jazz. There will be crafts and food trucks and a fun time.

Mayor Macnow spoke of a letter received from a Water Street resident expressing her pleasure about the new headquarters planned for the Police Department and her positive interactions with the Township's Police Officers. Mayor Macnow read the letter in full.

Mayor Macnow spoke of a letter received from one of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd and her positive interaction with Police Officers Capriotti and Zoppi, who assisted when her vehicle broke down recently on Route 18. Mayor Macnow read the letter in full.

Mayor Macnow reported the Township is moving forward with plans for the all-purpose field, for which the Township received a sizable donation. Mayor Macnow is hoping to complete the project next year.

Mayor Macnow stated he is looking forward to the walking path improvements planned for the Town Hall Core Site. Mayor Macnow noted the Core Site is heavily used and has been spiffed up by the DPW staff.

Hearing no further comments from the Township Committee, Mayor Macnow called for a motion to open the meeting to public comments. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried by voice vote.

#### **19. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ms. Jackie Dubinett, resident, advised the pavement striping on Stone Hill Road has worn off and needs repainting. In addition, the stream on Stone Hill Road has become a trash heap, with bikes and a ladder thrown in and she is requesting this be cleaned up. Ms. Capristo will speak with Mr. Bader and arrange for the discards to be removed and the pavement to be re-striped.

Mr. Howard Dubinett, resident, requested the section of Stone Hill Road near his residence be included as a no parking zone. Township Committee unanimously agreed this portion of Stone Hill Road should be included in the Police review of the Code as a street designated as a no parking zone. Mr. Dubinett then asked about the plans for the undeveloped property across from the High School. Mayor Macnow advised this is the Westminster property that was part of litigation back in the 1980's and was approved in 2003 for 48 units. Currently the property is not being developed, as all are awaiting the Township's affordable housing obligations to be finalized. Mayor Macnow advised the Township is very diligent on minimizing the impact of affordable housing and maintaining the character of the town. Mayor Macnow also spoke of the large meeting held earlier this year at the Primary School discussing the affordable housing issues facing the Township.

Mr. Orgo commented the Township is working to preserve land, noting two parcels were preserved and plans are underway to preserve two additional parcels. Mr. Orgo noted the referendum on the November ballot would provide more funds for land preservation, and the more land preserved, the less land there is to be developed.

Ms. Judy Laufer, resident, commented Amazon is opening a new facility in the Princeton/Trenton area; jobs are coming into the State. Ms. Laufer commented on the beauty of the September 11 Memorial at night, stating it is just amazing.

Mr. Michael Viola, resident, commented the September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial ceremony was very well done. Mr. Viola advised the Wildlife Committee is meeting September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall to discuss deer management and options available. The Community magazine and the Journal and website post all remind residents of this meeting, and he urged residents to attend. Mr. Viola stated the Township Committee should think of an alternate way to notify residents and consider a mailer or something. Mayor Macnow responded mailers are difficult and the Code book is lengthy. Mayor Macnow noted the Township has an award winning website, which is a great source of information. Mayor Macnow commented people have to avail themselves of the information; read The Journal, the Community magazine and the website.

Ms. Alison Denoia, resident, questioned the Township's lack of social media page. Mayor Macnow responded other municipalities have gotten into trouble with their social media. Someone has to administer the page, and the Township is very lean in terms of staffing.

Mr. Fulton Wilcox, resident, questioned if the money to be spent on acquiring the land at the Park is part of the budget, to which Mayor Macnow responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Bartolomeo commented he is slated to be Mayor next year. Mr. Bartolomeo noted the affordable housing impact on property within the Township was discussed at every Township Committee meeting in 2016. Mr. Bartolomeo stated he is thinking of Facebook and Twitter and while it is a slippery slope, suggestions for conveying information is not falling on deaf ears.

Mr. Alan Ryan, resident, spoke of the way in which fallen Marine Dan Baldassare was honored. Mr. Ryan thanked Mayor Macnow and Mr. Rizzuto for all they did to memorialize this young serviceman. Mr. Ryan noted the passing of Fire Department Chief Ben Arnella (1971-1972) this past August.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Macnow called for a motion to close the meeting to public comments. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Orgo and unanimously carried by voice vote.

- 20. MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Mayor Macnow called for a motion to adjourn noting there would be no Executive Session this evening. Mr. Bartolomeo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Rizzuto and unanimously carried by voice vote.

RECORD OF VOTE						
Committeeman	M	S	Yes	No	NV	Ab
Mayor Macnow			X			
Deputy Mayor Bartolomeo	M		X			
Eastman			X			
Orgo			X			
Rizzuto		S	X			
M - Moved S - Seconded X - indicates vote NV - Not Voting Ab - Absent						

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



Beth Kara, RMC, CMC  
Municipal Clerk