
APPENDIX C-3
SEQRA PUBLIC Hearing TRANSCRIPT
February 15, 2024

1 TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
2 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK

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4 TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
5 FOR THE
6 SITING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A
7 COMMUNITY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (STP) AND
8 ASSOCIATED COLLECTION AND CONVEYANCE SYSTEM
9 IN THE HAMLET OF RIVERSIDE
10 And
11 TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
12 TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A SEWER DISTRICT
13 KNOWN AS THE RIVERSIDE SEWER DISTRICT
14 IN THE HAMLET OF RIVERSIDE
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10 Southampton Town Hall
11 116 Hampton Road
12 Southampton, New York
13 February 15, 2024

14 B E F O R E:

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- 16 MARIA Z. MOORE- SUPERVISOR
- 17 MICHAEL A. IASILLI - COUNCILMAN
- 18 CYNTHIA MCNAMARA - COUNCILWOMAN
- 19 BILL PELL - COUNCILMAN
- 20 TOMMY JOHN SCHIAVONI - COUNCILMAN

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22 ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

- 23 CHRISTINE SCALERA - DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY
- 24 SUNDY A. SCHERMEYER - TOWN CLERK

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1 CLERK SCHERMEYER: Madam Supervisor, there's
2 a request to open the next two hearings together.
3 Is that acceptable?

4 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Yes.

5 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: I agree.

6 CLERK SCHERMEYER: Okay.

7 SUPERVISOR MOORE: So --

8 CLERK SCHERMEYER: Public Hearing No. 3, for
9 the Siting and Construction of a Community Sewage
10 Treatment Plant and associated Collection and
11 Conveyance System in the Hamlet of Riverside.
12 Public hearing No. 4, to Consider Establishing a
13 Sewer District known as the Riverside Sewer District
14 in the Hamlet of Riverside.

15 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Motion to open the public
16 hearing on both Public Hearings No. 3 and 4.

17 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Second.

18 COUNCILMAN PELL: Second.

19 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Second.

20 CLERK SCHERMEYER: You don't have to.

21 SUPERVISOR MOORE: All in favor?

22 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR MOORE: I think you do need a
24 public hearing, I think you need a motion to open
25 the public hearing.

1 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Right.

2 SUPERVISOR MOORE: You don't think so?

3 CLERK SCHERMEYER: It's all good.

4 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay.

5 SUPERVISOR MOORE: I don't know.

6 COUNCILMAN PELL: You did ask the Trustees.

7 SUPERVISOR MOORE: We'll ask the Lawyer. Do

8 you think you need a motion to open a public

9 hearing? I always thought you did, but if we --

10 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Oh, yeah.

11 SUPERVISOR MOORE: If we don't, then we'll --

12 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: If we do, then we're

13 in big trouble.

14 (Laughter)

15 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Oh, all right. Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: I thought we were
17 combining them, that's what I thought the vote was.

18 CLERK SCHERMEYER: No.

19 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay.

20 CLERK SCHERMEYER: You can't combine them.

21 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Thank you,
22 Madam Supervisor. Good afternoon, Members of the
23 Town Board. As indicated, this is a continued
24 public hearing on the supplemental SEQRA review for
25 the actual siting of a sewage treatment plant

1 attendant to a proposed Riverside Sewer District,
2 and this is your first hearing on a proposed
3 Riverside Sewer District formation. So that's what
4 I'll be addressing at this time.

5 By way of background, on December 22nd, 2015,
6 by Local Law No. 30 of 2015, the Town Board enacted
7 Article 31 of the Zoning Code, that is the
8 Riverside Overlay District, or the ROD, aimed at
9 revitalizing the Hamlet of Riverside through a
10 comprehensive economic development strategy.
11 In furtherance of that effort, and as recognized in
12 the Generic Environmental Impact Statement
13 supporting the ROD, in order to implement and
14 realize the development plan for Riverside, the
15 construction of a sewage treatment plant, or STP,
16 and the creation of a sewer district was and
17 remains necessary. Thus, pursuant to New York
18 State Town Law Article 12-A, on November 14th,
19 2023, by Resolution No. 1356 of 2023, the Town Board
20 adopted a resolution authorizing the preparation of
21 a map, plan and report attendant to the establishment
22 of a sewer district in the Hamlet of Riverside.

23 Pursuant to that map, plan and report, which
24 is filed in the Town Clerk's Office, the boundaries
25 of a proposed Riverside Sewer District are shown on

1 this map on the wall in yellow. We will be talking
2 about Phase I, that is the boundaries that we will
3 be addressing today.

4 The improvement proposed, as discussed in the
5 plan, is to establish a sewage treatment plant
6 facility and associated collection and conveyance
7 systems. The maximum amount proposed to be
8 expended for this sewer improvement is approximately
9 \$35,525,634. That is comprised of three separate
10 costs. The first is approximately \$33,621,134
11 attributable to the construction costs, approximately
12 \$904,500 attributable to hookup fees, and
13 approximately \$1,000,000 attributable to annual
14 operation and maintenance costs, or O&M, which
15 encompasses the upkeep of the equipment, required
16 laboratory testing, and general monitoring of the
17 influent and effluent.

18 The construction costs, as well as the
19 design, permitting and consultation costs, shall be
20 it financed through various funding sources
21 comprised of grant monies, and depicted on this
22 chart here, which Len Marchese, our Financial
23 Consultant, will detail with you shortly.

24 These funding sources, or revenue sources,
25 total approximately \$34,000,000, \$525, and \$634,

1 leaving a remaining \$1,000,000 in costs attributable
2 to the annual operation and maintenance of the
3 proposed facilities. That will be funded in part
4 through a Town subsidy from the General Fund, and
5 in part by user fees collected via sewer bills at a
6 cost of approximately \$225 annually per user based
7 on usage.

8 The estimated cost of hookup fees for this
9 improvement is approximately \$904,500. This cost
10 for connection by law must be detailed for you, and
11 that is based upon the premise that approximately
12 43 lots will need to install a pumping system to
13 connect to the proposed conveyance system, and the
14 remaining 194 lots will utilize gravity connection
15 lines to connect to the proposed conveyance system.

16 It is estimated that the typical cost for a
17 pumping station will be approximately \$7,500 per
18 lot, and the typical cost for a gravity connection
19 will be approximately \$3,000 per lot, which totals
20 at 904,000. However, notwithstanding those costs,
21 it is proposed that the hookup fees will be paid
22 for by the CPF contribution, leaving no cost to the
23 existing property owner to hook up to the -- to the
24 proposed sewer facilities.

25 The assessments for capital costs shall be

1 based upon a benefit basis utilizing ad valorem
2 values, though, again, and you will hear me say
3 this several times, property owners are not
4 expected to pay for any capital costs associated
5 with this project. Capital costs will be funded as
6 described in this revenue chart.

7 Assessments for property owner usage shall be
8 based on a benefit basis, with the benefit measured
9 by the usage of each property owner. And the
10 estimated cost to a typical property owner within
11 the district is approximately \$225 per year, and
12 that is because the property owner is not, again,
13 not expected to pay for any of the capital costs
14 associated with the construction of the facility,
15 they will only pay the operating O&M costs subsidized
16 in part by the Town.

17 Unless the Board has any questions for me at
18 this time, I will turn it over to Len Marchese to
19 discuss the financial aspects. And, of course,
20 your Town Planning and Development Administrator,
21 Janice Scherer, is here to discuss aspects of the
22 project, as well our engineering consultant, Tom
23 Lembo from Nelson, Pope & Voorhis.

24 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you, Kathleen.

25 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Kathleen, I have a

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1 question about Town Law 12-A, the formation of the
2 district. If the Town Board or future Town Board
3 wanted to extend the district, would the process
4 that we're going through now be required at that
5 time?

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6 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yes, same exact
7 process to reach those blue areas for an extension,
8 or any other extension that the Board might want to
9 do in the future.

10 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: So we're doing a
11 Phase I and Phase II.

12 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Correct.

13 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: So we would have to do
14 this for Phase II, or possibly another hookup. I'm
15 specifically talking about the proposition that the
16 Town of Riverhead asked us about the County facility
17 and the Jail. If we wanted to include them, we
18 would have to extend the district and go through
19 this.

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20 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Correct.

21 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: As well as Phase II.

22 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yes.

23 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay. Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR MOORE: And, Kathleen, you're
25 suggesting that we're going to go right to the --

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1 not just the property line, but to the home itself
2 and do the connection?

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3 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: (Nodded Yes).

4 SUPERVISOR MOORE: And would we need an
5 easement for that, or just a letter from the
6 homeowner?

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7 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: We wouldn't
8 need an easement, we would get permissions. We
9 would accomplish that through a Local Law, much
10 like we did for the Hamlet of East Quogue, when we
11 did a public water drinking water program that was
12 funded through CPF. So we could either do it as a
13 reimbursable, where people had it hooked up
14 themselves and then we reimburse that amount, or we
15 could get permissions from the property owner to
16 allow that connection to their house.

17 Typically, as the Supervisor is indicating,
18 the hookup fees only bring the lines and the mains
19 to the front of a house. Typically, property
20 owners are then expected to fund the cost from
21 making that actual connection to -- from the street
22 to your house. Here we're proposing to offer
23 funding for that as well.

24 SUPERVISOR MOORE: And that's included?

25 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: It is, yeah.

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1 SUPERVISOR MOORE: In the cost --
2 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: In the --
3 SUPERVISOR MOORE: -- that you laid out --
4 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yeah.
5 SUPERVISOR MOORE: -- and the cost of abandoning
6 everyone's septic system?

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7 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Right.
8 SUPERVISOR MOORE: It's included?
9 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yeah. And
10 there will be ongoing discussions for your CPF
11 allocation, your water quality CPF allocations each
12 year when you're looking at that budget.

13 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Okay, thanks.

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14 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: I have a question
15 about community --

16 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yes.

17 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: -- outreach and how
18 we're getting to the homeowners in this area, being
19 that the connections will be mandatory. And, you know,
20 while \$225 may not seem a lot to some of these
21 people, it will be, you know, an annual expense
22 that they'll have to incur, and I just make sure
23 that they're included in this process, and they
24 know that this is not a "If you choose to connect,"
25 this a "You will have to connect, and this is will be

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1 a cost that you're going to have from year to year
2 going forward."

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3 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yeah. I
4 certainly appreciate that comment. We're --
5 certainly, we have this public hearing, we've
6 noticed it as required legally. Hopefully, there
7 will be some further discussion in the community
8 about it. I am going to be asking this Town Board
9 to leave this hearing open for at least one other,
10 if not, two other public hearings on this matter,
11 so that anybody who wants to be heard --

12 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: I mean, can we send
13 them like postcards independently? Because I just
14 don't know that a lot of people -- I mean, they're
15 working, they have lives and not --

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16 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Sure, we can.
17 That's certainly a policy decision by the Board.
18 If we have funding available to do that, yeah.

19 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: I think that's a great
20 idea.

21 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah. Could we have a
22 discussion up in Flanders, up in Riverside?

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23 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Sure.

24 COUNCILMAN PELL: And bring it back?

25 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Yeah.

1 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Or even at the Community Center. CI-1
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4 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Just my issue with
6 that is you're only going to get the people that
7 know about that meeting that are engaged.

8 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah.

9 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Uh-huh.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: You're not going to get the people that are working, you know, two and
11 three jobs -- CM2-3
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13 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Right, right. Yeah,
14 yeah.

15 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah.

16 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: -- and taking care
17 of their kids and --

18 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah. But we get -- you
19 know, it will all help.

20 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Yeah. So a mailing, that
21 would be helpful. SM-1
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23 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: And we could
24 talk to CRC about assisting with the mailing.

25 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Okay.

COUNCILMAN IASILLI: That would be great.

COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you.

1 MR. MARCHESE: Do you want me --

2 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Yeah. Thanks, Len.

3 MR. MARCHESE: Thank you. Kathleen did a
4 great job of kind of giving you an overview of
5 everything that --

6 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Indeed. Thank you.

7 MR. MARCHESE: -- everything, whatever she
8 said there came from our financial analysis. Maybe
9 I'll just provide a little bit of details on how we
10 can miraculously pay for a \$40,000,000 system
11 without any capital costs.

12 So over the last two years, Janice and our
13 whole team that we've assembled have been working
14 diligently with funding sources to make applications
15 for various grants, from Federal, State, County,
16 local. So we have amassed a full arsenal to get
17 this funding together, and it hasn't been easy.

18 So we have County money, the County allocated
19 a little over \$5,000,000 to us. Senator Schumer
20 allocated \$5,000,000, and has indicated that
21 there's perhaps another round of funding, if
22 necessary. We've allocated CPF money. And we've
23 also recently been awarded New York State DEC
24 grants from the EFC to fund up to 50% of the cost
25 of the project as well. So, between a bunch of

1 that and our own CPF money, we feel that the
2 capital cost of this project will be covered.

3 Now, you know, we have actually more than we
4 need right now, but we think that if costs
5 increase, or they don't increase, or there's some
6 change in hookup costs, we'll have enough money on
7 the capital side from grants, so that there'll
8 still be no costs to residents with regard to the
9 infrastructure.

10 As far as the operating cost is concerned,
11 basically, the way that works is the bill is
12 calculated on an amount of gallonage that you use.
13 It's kind of like, you know, what comes in goes out
14 type of thing. And we have to develop a pricing
15 calculation on how much we want to charge, but,
16 basically, it's going to be based on what you use.

17 And what other communities have done
18 throughout Long Island, when they have a sewer
19 district, is they've done some type of allocation
20 for non-waste that goes into the system. So like
21 if you had a sprinkler system, or if you had a pool
22 that you were filling up, or something like that,
23 you would, you would be allowed to have a credit
24 for some portion of that. And we can talk about
25 Local Laws that we might want to institute to give

1 credit for that and a system of allocating that.

2 Also, to address the \$225, we may -- we have
3 options perhaps going forward. Keep in mind that
4 this is a long-term system, like the public hearing
5 today, and even if we were to work at this, this is
6 like a five-year plan. I mean, by the time we get
7 engineering, and design, and construction, you know,
8 it's a, it's a long way, this is a long process.
9 So it gives us plenty of time along the way to
10 figure out ways to supplement operating and
11 maintenance costs.

12 And we've been having discussions with
13 Assemblyman Thiele. There's -- as you know, our
14 CPF fund allows for environmental quality money,
15 and there's an ability, perhaps, for us to amend
16 some of that to allow for hardship applications, if
17 we will. And I think that's our intent, is to
18 somehow look at that in ways that will allow for
19 hardship applications. So that, along with if
20 there is some new development in this area, that
21 will lead to some additional revenue that overall
22 will go to lowering the anticipated costs of the
23 whole system. Obviously, the more you can -- more
24 units you can spread the costs about, the lower it
25 comes for any individual person.

1 So we've worked on this project now for a few
2 years and we're really at the, at the, at the end.
3 You know, we have a deadline now of June 15th to
4 submit our final funding application for the large
5 money with the EFC, which is -- you know, it's
6 going to be close to \$15 million for them. And
7 we'll probably be coming back with some bond
8 resolutions that this part of the process is.

9 So we have to, we have to issue bond
10 resolutions that allow for the interim funding,
11 because much of these grants are reimbursement-based
12 grants, which means you have to lay out the money
13 first and then to spend the money, and then apply
14 for the reimbursement and then wait for it to come.
15 So there'll be cash flow issues that we'll have to
16 deal with, but that's something that the Town is
17 used to doing anyway. So we'll --

18 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: But those, those
19 won't be long-term bonds.

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20 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Right.

21 MR. MARCHESE: No, no, no. We'll wrap them
22 up -- well --

23 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: And, Len, do we
24 have -- currently have monies encumbered for that
25 purpose to cover the bonds in the short term?

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1 MR. MARCHESE: No, no. We have --

2 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: No. So we will -- okay.

3 MR. MARCHESE: We funded an initial portion
4 of this project with CPF allocations in our capital
5 fund.

6 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Uh-huh.

7 MR. MARCHESE: But before June we'll be
8 preparing or we'll have in front of you some bond
9 resolutions to authorize the short-term funding of
10 this. The Town won't be borrowing it. We'll be
11 borrowing the money via the Environmental
12 Facilities Corporation at 0% interest, so -- but
13 they still require us to back those bonds with our
14 guarantee of repayment. So that's a process that
15 we'll be coming back to you folks to discuss in the
16 near future, not too long.

17 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Which is typical
18 municipal funding source, the same.

19 MR. MARCHESE: Well, we're --

20 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Yeah.

21 MR. MARCHESE: We're going to obtain the
22 benefit of 0% financing. So, you know --

23 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: That's great.

24 MR. MARCHESE: Yeah.

25 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Just a question. I know

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1 that some of these, some of these funding lines
2 have a shelf life. So if we keep this public
3 hearing open, are we risking some of the State,
4 Federal, County grants?

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5 MR. MARCHESE: That's a good point. We are
6 on a deadline on some of the Federal ARPA money.
7 The money that's coming to us via the County does
8 have some spending requirements that we have to --
9 and the other money, no, not so much.

10 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: The Federal?

11 MR. MARCHESE: Yeah, that, that is still out
12 there. But the ARPA money, which was passed like
13 four years ago, there's a spending deadline.
14 We're -- you know, we're hoping that that extends,
15 but we would try to claim that money first.

16 SUPERVISOR MOORE: What's that, December 2025?

17 MR. MARCHESE: Yeah. So we would want to
18 claim that money first in the, in the, in the
19 process, you know, like either whether it's an
20 engineering cost, land acquisition costs, easement
21 costs. Whatever we can front-load to do that
22 claiming first we would try to do. You know,
23 obviously, we don't want to let any of this money
24 go away, we want to take advantage of it. So
25 that's --

1 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Right.

2 MR. MARCHESE: That's part of what --

3 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: It's a lot of money,
4 it's funding the majority of the project.

5 MR. MARCHESE: That's part of our strategic --

6 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: For most of the project.

7 MR. MARCHESE: Yeah.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: To the Councilman's
9 point, though, is do we have a date like when we
10 have to close the hearing by? And I think maybe
11 Kathleen can --

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12 MR. MARCHESE: Well, we really need this
13 district implemented. Everything needs to be in
14 place drop dead June 15th, but we need it well
15 before that. I mean, do you want to talk about the
16 deadlines?

17 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Sure. We have
18 already adjusted a little bit, but yes. You know,
19 as Len indicated, June 14th is the date that EFC
20 needs the application completed, and we have to
21 have district formation prior to that.

22 I would not suggest one public hearing for
23 the formation of a sewer district. Certainly, two,
24 and then at the next meeting we can discuss whether
25 or not we have time for a third, on March 12th.

1 But, you know, we're cognizant of deadlines, but we
2 also want the public to have an opportunity to
3 weigh in. So, you know, we're just trying to be as
4 careful and cautious as we can, while not, while
5 not losing any time, unnecessary time.

6 SUPERVISOR MOORE: So the documents that have
7 to go to EFC, does that include the bond resolutions?

8 MR. MARCHESE: Yes.

9 SUPERVISOR MOORE: So we'd have to have the
10 public hearings on those as well? Is that -- do we
11 need a public hearing?

12 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Resolutions,
13 just a resolution for the bond.

14 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Just a resolution?

15 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yeah. But,
16 importantly, in the event -- I'm getting a little
17 bit ahead of myself, but in the event that this
18 Board does -- is inclined to eventually close the
19 public meeting -- the public hearing, and adopt an
20 order authorizing the formation of the district, it
21 is subject to permissive referendum, which
22 essentially means you can't take any further action
23 for 30 days, and so we do have to build that
24 30 days into our time frame prior to June 14th.

25 SUPERVISOR MOORE: And if the June -- I just

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1 wasn't clear on this. The June 14th deadline, is
2 that to get all the documents in, not only for the
3 0% interest financing, but also for the bipartisan
4 infrastructure --

5 MR. MARCHESE: No.

6 SUPERVISOR MOORE: -- loan, grant?

7 MR. MARCHESE: Well, those are two, those are
8 two different funding streams.

9 SUPERVISOR MOORE: There's two different
10 things, right?

11 MR. MARCHESE: Right. The June 14th deadline
12 is for the EFC documentation for the grant.

13 SUPERVISOR MOORE: For the BIL grant?

14 MR. MARCHESE: For the -- right now, I think
15 we're showing almost \$15,000,000 coming in, it's
16 a 50% matching rate. It's up to 50% of our costs.

17 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Uh-huh.

18 MR. MARCHESE: So that's the June 14th
19 deadline. And at that same time, we would be
20 applying for short-term financing with them as
21 well. And you'll have to pass a bond resolution,
22 which I think also has a permissive referendum on a
23 Bond Anticipation Note of something like that. So
24 we're probably going to do a lot of action on this
25 no later than like the beginning of May, like

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1 really. I mean, I think that's like really the
2 ending. I would like to do it sooner, right?

3 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Not May.

4 MR. MARCHESE: Okay.

5 (Laughter)

6 MR. MARCHESE: So then April.

7 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Even we have the public
8 hearing two more times --

9 MR. MARCHESE: Yeah.

10 SUPERVISOR MOORE: -- it would be in March, I think.

11 MR. MARCHESE: Yeah. So, you know, we
12 just -- we think that the sooner we act on this the
13 better, just so that it gives us some time. And
14 keep in mind, you know, we do have to award
15 contracts to go forward to get some detailed
16 engineering documents. You know, there's a lot of
17 stuff, and this is a long linear path to get this,
18 to get this done, you know, so it does take time.

19 Do you want to say anything?

20 MS. SCHERER: I do. I just wanted to thank you.
21 Again, Janice Scherer. I just wanted to thank
22 everyone that's worked so hard on this. Tom Lembo
23 is here as the consulting engineer, if you have any
24 questions.

25 And just remind you that it's a combined

1 hearing with SEQRA, so the SEQRA process will have
2 to be closed and finished in order to form the
3 district. So those things have to all happen in
4 order to -- before June as well. So everything is
5 also marching forward in terms of the SEQRA
6 process, too.

7 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Janice, I have a
8 comment rather than a question. When we started
9 this in and as for -- you know, as far as getting
10 this funded in 2018, thereabouts, I know you were
11 on it beforehand with, you know, with the Overlay
12 District, and you were our Comptroller, Len.
13 Janice, I just want to appreciate your office for
14 all of the work that they have done, and, Len, you
15 know, your work on this, and the Comptroller's
16 Office, and everyone who was involved in obtaining
17 \$35,000,000 in grants. It's just a herculean
18 effort. So, you know, well done there --

19 MS. SCHERER: Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: -- and we'll continue
21 on this.

22 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Yeah, really.

23 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yes.

24 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Bravo.

25 MS. SCHERER: Thank you.

1 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Brava.

2 (Laughter)

3 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: And, of course, none
4 of it happens without the Town Attorney's Office,
5 you know, so, Kathleen, thank you as well. I
6 didn't want to leave anyone out.

7 MS. SCHERER: And, also, I want to recognize,
8 Theresa Mason, Principal Planner, here, and Long
9 Range Planning is also here in case there's SEQRA
10 related questions that anyone has. Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Okay.

12 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you again. It's a
13 good community project for everyone.

14 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Wait, I had a question.
15 Oh, Janice and I had the opportunity, and Kathleen,
16 to just sit and go through in detail the map and
17 plan, and there were a couple of things that came
18 up that seemed to me amending or adjustments, you
19 know, not major things. So I don't know if we want
20 to go into it, but if we don't, I mean, when --
21 what would we do? Are we adjourning it in
22 anticipation of getting an amended map and plan, or
23 how do we deal with those points?

24 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Well, I would
25 ask that the Board keep this public hearing open

1 and until February 27th, which is an evening
2 meeting, and, certainly, in that time, we can make
3 some amendments to the map and plan. They're
4 really nonsubstantive, but not entirely accurate
5 either, so we'll make those changes. And then
6 we'll also work on getting a mailing out. I don't
7 know if we can reach it before the 27th, but we'll
8 certainly do our best. If not, then for the
9 March 12th meeting.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Because it would
11 just be to the, to the affected homes in Phase I,
12 really, that we'd really want to target.

13 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Yeah. I think
14 it's 237.

15 SUPERVISOR MOORE: And so prior to the 2/27
16 date we'd have to amend it, you know, a little.

17 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Oh, yes, yeah.

18 SUPERVISOR MOORE: And then -- because then
19 we might be closing the hearing, we need that.

20 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY MURRAY: Uh-huh, yes.

21 SUPERVISOR MOORE: All right. I don't --
22 well, I have some cards here. Thank you. Let's
23 see. Gayle Lombardi.

24 MS. LOMBARDI: I Just want to give you that.
25 We have six copies and two things.

1 CLERK SCHERMEYER: Thank you, Gayle.

2 MS. LOMBARDI: As I said, I always get my
3 money's worth if my poor partner drags me down
4 here.

5 (Laughter)

6 MS. LOMBARDI: So I wanted to talk quickly, I
7 wrote it all out, but it is in the big print, so
8 bear with me.

9 So I recognize that this Board has a lot of
10 work to do to clean up with the mess that the
11 Schneiderman Administration left behind you, but it
12 could only be done with the help of advisors that
13 provide complete and accurate information.

14 And this is in reference to the SEQRA review,
15 and it's been going on for a number of years, but I
16 watched Riverhead Town and school officials voice
17 concerns about the incomplete and outdated SGEIS.

18 As a trusted advisor in my former life, I was
19 actually embarrassed for this Town Board. If that
20 had happened in my former life, I wouldn't have
21 kept my job.

22 As the Litigant in Lombardi v. The Town of
23 Southampton, I want to provide some comments for
24 this public hearing.

25 First, the Lead Agency is responsible for the

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1 accuracy and completeness of the FEIS, that cannot
 2 be delegated. Based on the law and case law, the
 3 Lead Agency is required to identify the relevant
 4 areas of environmental concern and take a hard look
 5 at them. When an agency fails or refuses to
 6 undertake necessary analyses, improperly defers or
 7 delays a future -- a full and complete consideration
 8 of relevant areas of environmental concern, or does
 9 not support its conclusions for the rationally-based
 10 assumptions and studies, the FEIS must be vacated
 11 as arbitrary and irrational.

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12 After I filed my petition for the HBDOD, a
 13 Code Enforcement Officer showed up at my house with
 14 boxes of binders of documents included in the
 15 Town's answer to my petition.

16 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Oh, Gayle, excuse me. Are
 17 you speaking to the Riverside --

18 MS. LOMBARDI: I am.

19 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Oh, okay.

20 MS. LOMBARDI: I'm speaking just in general --

21 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Oh, okay.

22 MS. LOMBARDI: -- to the process regarding
 23 the SEQRA review --

24 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Got it.

25 MS. LOMBARDI: Because I'm just really

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1 flabbergasted that after all this time, the Town of
2 Riverhead came to this Board and voiced their
3 concern, that those people were not included in the
4 process, and they had concerns about that. It was
5 very bothersome to me, to be honest. So I'm
6 pointing out for me what my, my experience was as a
7 cautionary tale.

8 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Oh, okay.

9 MS. LOMBARDI: Okay? I'll continue with that.

10 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you.

11 MS. LOMBARDI: Okay? So they showed up at my
12 house with those binders with that setback, five --
13 nine-page document of all the documents leading up
14 to the HBDOD being approved by the Town Board.
15 But, as you know, I prevailed in the Town, because
16 the documents, as large as they were, were not
17 complete.

18 The first case I cited in my reply to the
19 Town's answer stated, "One cannot presume that the
20 required hard look was taken based on the thickness
21 of the EIS, or because the consultants were highly
22 regarded in their field."

23 So, again, I question in the eleventh hour, I
24 know you got all this funding in place, you know,
25 this is an important document, and will it hold up

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1 as you move forward?

2 And the next point I want to make is, is a
3 letter that actually is close to my heart, because
4 when the Town Board went to approve the Final EIS,
5 which was January 2020, Ray D'Angelo presented a
6 very simple letter to the Town Board. It's noted
7 as No. 48 on that official record, and it said --
8 it was very basic, it was from the CAC, just saying
9 defer it, because it hadn't fully evaluated the DEC
10 Superfund site. And the Supreme Court actually
11 agreed with Ray D'Angelo and the CAC, despite the
12 fact that Supervisor Schneiderman wanted to get it
13 through. And he said that people wanted to see it
14 through, and they didn't listen to people who maybe
15 could be trusted in the process. So it's a
16 cautionary tale.

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17 You guys are looking at an SGI -- as Final
18 SGEIS. Town of Riverhead voiced concerns. I'm
19 hoping all their concerns are fully in the document
20 and have been fully vetted. Otherwise, you know, I
21 would hate to see this end up in the same situation
22 as my Article 78. Thank you.

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23 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you. Oh, Jeff Seaman.

24 MR. SEAMAN: Good afternoon, Supervisor,
25 Members of the Town Council. For the record, my

1 name is Jeffrey Seaman. I am representing the Town
2 Board of Riverhead as the Commissioners of the
3 Riverhead Sewer District. I've been here
4 testifying and offering public comments and written
5 comments on the Generic EIS on December 12th, and
6 again on January 23rd. On both those dates I was
7 joined by other representatives of Riverhead,
8 including Dawn Thomas and Supervisor Timothy Hubbard.

9 I believe this Board and the written comments
10 in the SEQRA record are pretty clear about
11 Riverhead's request to move the sanitary flows that
12 we are currently collecting out of district from
13 the County Center to the Riverside facility. Now I
14 was somewhat disappointed to review the map and
15 plan that did not have any mention whatsoever about
16 that flow, or the potential of future tie-ins,
17 when, obviously, Riverside will be the nearest
18 treatment facility, as compared to the current
19 arrangement that the County has with Riverhead.

20 In response to the Councilman's question
21 about amendments to map and plan, and perhaps the
22 Supervisor's review of the map and plan hopefully
23 includes this at least dotted line around the
24 County Centers. We strongly believe the
25 opportunity to do that is now.

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1 You have a Generic EIS that is only in a
2 draft form. We have provided adequate comments,
3 technical, and I think asked you take a look at
4 some of the cost benefits of tying in the County
5 Center. And, honestly, once the Final EIS is
6 adopted by this Board, Riverhead really doesn't
7 have another opportunity to comment on that. There
8 may be two more public hearings on your map and
9 plan, but as far as the SEQRA process is, they're
10 pretty much boxed out, at least until you have a
11 hearing before the Central Pine Barrens Commission,
12 where Riverhead is a voting member of that Board.

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13 In response to public comment and public
14 participation, I would recommend you take a good
15 look at the Environmental, proposed Environmental
16 Justice Area where this facility falls. Part of
17 the Environmental Justice Area requirements is an
18 enhanced public participation program. So I would
19 at least recommend you consider not meeting the
20 minimum requirements of SEQRA and general public
21 hearings, but try to come up with an actual plan to
22 enhance your public participation.

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23 Lastly, I'd like to again reinforce
24 Supervisor Hubbard's offer to cooperate both with
25 staff and in any technical capacity that Riverhead

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1 can offer. As I stated previously, Riverhead has
2 been at the sewage treatment plant for a hundred
3 years, and I think they have a lot to offer.

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4 If you're going to go back and do another map
5 and plan to include the County at some future date,
6 you're going to go through a lot of the same
7 exercise you're doing here, and I think it could
8 leave the SEQRA process somewhat vulnerable,
9 because what you're really doing is combining your
10 SEQRA review on your map and plan. You really
11 can't separate those two, because you don't really
12 have a district until you adopt the plan, and you
13 can't do that until your findings statement is
14 completed.

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15 Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I
16 have some written comments that I'll provide to the
17 Board in more depth. Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you.

19 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: I just have a question
21 for you. You know, the last time you came here you
22 mentioned transfer of development rights as a tool
23 to preserve farmland in Riverhead, and that was
24 something that you all, you know, felt very
25 strongly about. I just want to let you know that

1 that is not lost on us, and, you know, we
2 understand what you're doing and -- or what you'd
3 like to do. And, you know, as for me, I mean, that
4 was important and significant.

5 MR. SEAMAN: Well, thank you. And to
6 reinforce that, that TDR program is focusing on
7 moving that development west of Roanoke along
8 Main Street, where we have some sewer, but we need to
9 expand the district to connect that receiving area.
10 But, also, we have inadequate sanitary systems of
11 the existing facilities along that section of
12 Riverhead. And it makes to me no environmental
13 sense for you to invest \$35,000,000 downstream to
14 address water quality issues if Riverhead can't get
15 that flow we need to address the upstream issues
16 and improve the water quality of the river upgradient.

17 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Does your transfer of
18 development rights scheme, I'm not quite sure what
19 you call it, you know, the -- what you have over
20 there in Riverhead, does that have anything to do
21 with the new zoning category that is up on
22 Sound Avenue, the Agricultural Resort Zone?

23 MR. SEAMAN: It may or it may not. I mean,
24 this is all part of Riverhead's update to its
25 comprehensive plan, and neither the TDR program as

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1 has been proposed for preserving that region has
2 been adopted yet. And I want to make that clear,
3 because that will be subject and part of another
4 Generic EIS that Riverhead will have to prepare as
5 both part of their comp. plan update, or independently
6 on the TDR program.

7 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: And one last question.
8 You also have a charter school that has application
9 with the Town Board. Does -- do development rights
10 have anything to do with the construction of that
11 charter school on Sound Avenue?

12 MR. SEAMAN: Honestly, I'm not --

13 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay.

14 MR. SEAMAN: I can't answer that.

15 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Fair enough

16 MR. SEAMAN: I don't know that.

17 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay. Thank you.

18 MR. SEAMAN: We'll get that answer to you.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Appreciate it.

21 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you. Dawn Thomas.

22 MS. THOMAS: Good afternoon, Members of the
23 Town Board, and thank you very much for giving me
24 the opportunity to speak. My name is Dawn Thomas.
25 I'm the Administrator of the Town's Department of

1 Economic Development, Planning and Building. I
2 just wanted to comment on a few things.

3 First, I'd like to reiterate Mr. Seaman's
4 comments relating to the technical aspects of the
5 STP map and plan and the SGEIS. But I wanted to
6 emphasize that the Town's request that the County
7 facilities be included in the new district from the
8 outset be emphasized. And I can answer some of
9 your other questions, Councilman.

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10 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay.

11 MS. THOMAS: So, and -- but we all agree that
12 Riverside is -- the revitalization of Riverside is
13 important, and that the -- this revitalization and
14 the improvement of river values are long overdue.

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15 We want to stress that we now have the
16 perfect opportunity to have -- make sure that we
17 get the Riverside revitalization right with the
18 proper mix of commercial and residential development.
19 We've been working very hard on this in Riverhead.
20 We'd love to share what we have done with you.

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21 Riverside deserves our best collective
22 efforts and taking additional time to evaluate
23 current demographics, and to craft a new plan that
24 gets a desired result for this Environmental
25 Justice Area. That time will be well worth it, and

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1 we look forward to working with you to make sure
2 all of that happens.

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3 On the TDR, the charter school doesn't have
4 any TDR proposed, it's not currently a receiving
5 area. What we're working on in Riverhead, and just
6 to talk about CPF briefly, as you may or may not
7 know, we have zero CPF available until 2030. We
8 bonded all of our CPF in -- about 20 years ago,
9 \$70,000,000. We bought about 2200 acres of
10 farmland. And then when the economy went south and
11 the real estate sales went south, we didn't have
12 enough in our bond revenue to cover the bond, so
13 taxpayers are coming out of pocket. That bond is
14 not paid until 2030.

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15 And so, you know, there's interesting
16 environmental justice issues, if you want to talk
17 about that, relating to what's left for the people
18 on the East End who have the least. But we are
19 working very hard to make sure that our new
20 comprehensive plan provides the best tools we can
21 to purchase development rights, including
22 clustering, transfer of development rights, and
23 purchase of development rights when we are
24 available.

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25 In terms of the TDR program, we're working

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1 with developers, we're working with all of our
 2 community members to make sure that the formulas
 3 work. They have to work to get those rights
 4 bought. That's really our -- those three tools are
 5 our last hope.

6 I know it's hard to imagine the amount of
 7 money that Southampton and East Hampton have in CPF
 8 that we're dead in the water in terms of
 9 purchasing. We have 7,000 acres left to buy of
 10 prime agricultural land, so it's really a difficult
 11 situation. So any yield we can get in terms of
 12 sewer is really important to our getting that
 13 density we need.

14 The West Main Street area, and I'm sure many
 15 of you are familiar with West Street -- West Main
 16 Street, it's a -- it's a pretty depressed area, it
 17 is right along the river. And we have been slowly
 18 buying properties along there, but we, again, have
 19 no resources to do that with. There's many
 20 residences right along that area.

21 We'd love to increase density to allow new
 22 homeownership opportunities. We feel homeownership
 23 opportunities are really critical to getting
 24 stability in areas where there's a lot of rental
 25 properties, and, yet, those affordable units to



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1 people who will move and live in our Town, and
2 yours as well in Riverside. It's the same formula,
3 it really is one community in many aspects.

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4 So the more density we can create with
5 additional sewer yield, it will be really important
6 to us. If we could get the County Center moved off
7 of our plant, which is two miles distant, I think,
8 from where the County Center actually is, it would
9 be absolutely fantastic for us. So we look forward
10 to working with you and talking more about it.
11 Thank you so much.

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12 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you

13 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: I have a --

14 MS. THOMAS: Yeah, sure.

15 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: I have a couple of
16 questions to follow up on what you said.

17 First question, is the transfer tax, is that
18 subject to your IDA's jurisdiction? In other
19 words, do they give breaks on the CPF transfer tax,
20 or is that just for --

21 MS. THOMAS: No, we cannot, they cannot.
22 They can only, again --

23 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: I don't know. We
24 don't have one, that's why I'm asking.

25 MS. THOMAS: They could only give real

1 property tax abatement --

2 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Uh-huh.

3 MS. THOMAS: -- mortgage tax abatement, and
4 sales tax abatement, that's it.

5 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay. And one of the
6 things that we are going to be faced with in this
7 district is the disposition of our sludge. I know
8 from Sag Harbor, you know, we have -- the Village
9 of Sag Harbor has to take that sludge out. Is that
10 something that Riverhead would be willing to work
11 with us on?

12 MS. THOMAS: We would love to talk to you
13 about --

14 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: I know.

15 MS. THOMAS: -- anything and everything we
16 can do collaboratively.

17 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Nothing more fun than
18 sewer districts and sludge, but, you know, we
19 certainly --

20 MS. THOMAS: Yeah. No, it's yucky stuff --

21 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: -- would like a real
22 partnership there and --

23 MS. THOMAS: -- but it's worth the
24 discussion, yeah.

25 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay. Thank you.

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1 MS. THOMAS: You're welcome. Thanks so much.

2 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Kevin, is there anybody
3 online that wishes to speak about Public Hearing
4 No. 3 and 4? Oh. You know, I did have one other
5 card, I'm sorry, because we combined them for
6 Public Hearing No. 4. Angela Huneault.

7 COUNCILMAN PELL: Hi, Angela.

8 MS. HUNEAULT: Hi.

9 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Hi, Angela.

10 MS. HUNEAULT: Hi. Good afternoon,
11 Supervisor Moore and the Town Board. Thank you for
12 this opportunity. I'm Angela Huneault, and right
13 now I stand before you as the President of FRNCA,
14 Flanders-Riverside-Northampton Community
15 Association.

16 We have had the Town, we've had Janice speak
17 before our community. The community's attitude,
18 want is let's go, (laughter) let's go. Riverside
19 had hope in 2015. We stood behind, behind the
20 then -- the Town Board at that time. We took a
21 picture, and it was all over every paper. They're
22 saying it's time. That is what they keep saying,
23 it is time, let's go.

24 Other developers have come in 30 years ago,
25 40 years ago and brought hope and said things were

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1 going to happen, and they did not happen. And then
2 we have this overlay and they got excited. They
3 saw the vision of what could possibly be in
4 Riverside. And they do not want to lose that hope,
5 they want to see this happen.

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6 So today they've asked me -- and some were
7 going to be with me on Tuesday, but due to the
8 weather, they could not make it. Well, we were
9 cancelled on Tuesday, they couldn't make it today.
10 Some might be on Zoom. But they want -- they want
11 to see this go forward, have a district in place
12 with -- we know there are some more homeworks that
13 needs to be -- you know, homework that needs to be
14 done. They don't want to start over. This is a
15 piece to the puzzle of what they've been hoping for.

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16 And FRNCA is willing to have the Town come
17 again. I mean, any moment the Town can come and be
18 our speaker. We also will email-blast anything
19 that you need us to email-blast. We will go on our
20 social media, also, whatever we need to do to get
21 the word out to have this go forward. We appreciate it.

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22 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you.

23 MS. HUNEALT: Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you.

25 MS. HUNEALT: For 10 more seconds I might

1 have, the Resolution 2024-178, we thank you,
2 Supervisor, for --

3 SUPERVISOR MOORE: What?

4 MS. HUNEALT: -- possibly signing later. So
5 we're thanking you in advance, because without
6 that, without that grant money, we are responsible,
7 FRNCA is responsible to maintain the traffic
8 circle, the intersection of 104 and -- 105 and 24.
9 And this, this beautiful grant helps us continue to
10 keep our landscaper. And it's very much needed and
11 appreciated, because without it, I don't know how
12 we could continue to do what we do, so thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR MOORE: You're welcome, and the
14 whole Board supports that.

15 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yes.

16 MS. HUNEALT: Yes. Thank you, guys.

17 SUPERVISOR MOORE: And your organization.

18 CLERK SCHERMEYER: We're still in the public
19 hearing.

20 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Oh, I know.

21 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Yeah, we are. I know, yeah.

22 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Angela, I just want
23 to point out that I thank you for the work that you
24 do with FRNCA. And, you know, and I know you do
25 outreach with the community, and we did have

1 meetings there, and Janice was there, but you do
2 also wear another hat for the developer. So we
3 have to take that in consideration and make sure we
4 go beyond FRNCA --

5 MS. HUNEALT: Yes.

6 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: -- because you're
7 the President of FRNCA.

8 MS. HUNEALT: No, absolutely.

9 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: And with that second
10 hat --

11 MS. HUNEALT: Yes.

12 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: -- there's kind of a
13 conflict there, so --

14 MS. HUNEALT: Yes. No, I do understand
15 that. I wanted someone else to speak on behalf of
16 FRNCA, but they still just give me that hat. And I
17 do understand, but I am truly as a --

18 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: I understand.

19 MS. HUNEALT: I am speaking on FRNCA, yes.
20 Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: And, Angela, I just
22 want to say you guys do -- you all do a good job on
23 the circle, and, you know, where you put that money
24 to good use and really stretch it.

25 MS. HUNEALT: Yeah.

1 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: And I also can say to
2 the Board, and, Councilwoman McNamara, you can
3 confirm this, one of the complaints in the area is
4 that the sewer district isn't happening. When we
5 were there in 2018 and beyond, you know, that was
6 consistent in I think every meeting. So that is
7 there, I know.

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8 MS. HUNEALT: I know.

9 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Yeah.

10 MS. HUNEALT: I hate that I wear both hats.

11 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: We are working on it.

12 MS. HUNEALT: Yeah, yeah.

13 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: So --

14 MS. HUNEALT: Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: -- thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Thank you.

17 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Brendan Fredette.

19 MR. FREDETTE: Fredette.

20 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Fredette.

21 MR. FREDETTE: Good afternoon, folks, thank
22 you for having me. Brendan Fredette, representing
23 Fredette Svendsen LLC. We own 89 Peconic Avenue,
24 over here, since 2017. So we've been through it a
25 little bit, the ups and downs of the sewer.

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1 Rah-rah-rah. Really grateful for what's happening
2 now and a movement of you all.

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3 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Can I just ask you --

4 MR. FREDETTE: Yes.

5 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: -- is that the
6 Peconic Paddler?

7 MR. FREDETTE: Yes, it is.

8 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Okay.

9 MR. FREDETTE: Yeah, the historic Peconic
10 Paddler. Yeah, it's great to see what's going on,
11 and we would just want to express our support. We
12 had some history, I think, as probably the closest
13 property to the Town of Riverhead with the -- I
14 think the -- right, the line goes right in front of
15 our property?

16 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Near the river.

17 AUDIENCE MEMBER: The sewer line.

18 MR. FREDETTE: The sewer line? From --

19 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Oh.

20 MR. FREDETTE: -- the County Center over to
21 Riverhead. I think it goes right under the --

22 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: The other bridge.

23 MR. FREDETTE: Is it the other bridge?

24 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: It's the bridge,
25 yeah, it is.

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1 MR. FREDETTE: Oh, it is? It's under --

2 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: You have to paddle
3 under it.

4 MR. FREDETTE: Yeah, yeah, okay, so I was
5 right.

6 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Yeah.

7 MR. FREDETTE: I'm sorry. So we have a bit
8 of history with Riverhead Sewer District, so we at
9 some point tried to get connected to them. It
10 didn't go anywhere, but they did give us some
11 insight as to the process of and out-of-district
12 property connecting to another town's sewer
13 district. And we tried to go through that process.
14 I think at some -- in some multiverse it may have
15 worked out, it didn't work out in our case.

16 However, I've heard a bunch of conversations
17 here about removing the County Center from the
18 Riverhead district, and I just want to say, hey,
19 maybe there's another solution, that the -- you
20 know, the County Center can stay in the Riverhead
21 Sewer District, and if they need excess capacity,
22 and there is excess capacity here in the future,
23 then potentially they can come to the Board and ask
24 for that, that flow, rather than, you know, simply
25 now at this stage taking on that -- what is it,

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1 100,000, 100,000 some-odd gallons?

2 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Approximately.

3 MR. FREDETTE: So my point being is that
4 maybe there's other solutions that don't involve
5 changing the map and plan now to connect to the
6 County Center.

7 Also, I know we've -- we did a little bit of
8 a case study on this a couple of years ago.
9 There's also a district I think up in Calverton,
10 you all probably know, though, maybe, which I don't
11 know if that's been considered here on the Riverhead side.

12 So, once again, rah-rah-rah, and I'm really,
13 really grateful to see this moving forward.
14 Thanks, folks.

15 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you. I asked the
17 same questions you did about let's do it now.

18 MR. FREDETTE: Right.

19 COUNCILMAN PELL: And they said they had --
20 have to do it in Phase II because of the grants.

21 MR. FREDETTE: Right.

22 COUNCILMAN PELL: And if we wait much longer
23 we'll lose the grants, then you lose the whole
24 project, then you have to start all over.

25 MR. FREDETTE: You mean the Phase II for --

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1 COUNCILMAN PELL: Phase II would be going
2 outside the district, make the district bigger.

3 MR. FREDETTE: Right.

4 COUNCILMAN PELL: Hook up the County Center
5 and --

6 MR. FREDETTE: Right.

7 COUNCILMAN PELL: -- any other properties who
8 wanted to be hooked up.

9 MR. FREDETTE: Yeah. So in line with kind of
10 the way that I saw it. I know you guys are the
11 designers here --

12 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah.

13 MR. FREDETTE: -- but the County Center
14 already has a hookup. I assume there's some type
15 of pump, or maybe it's gravity, I'm not sure, that
16 flows over to Riverhead for the time being. Look,
17 we're -- from our perspective, this district's, you
18 know, pretty -- it's a long time coming, and we're,
19 again, super grateful to see it. For now for this,
20 it's a limited phase. Yeah, I think it's small.
21 And is it half the size --

22 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah, it's Phase I.

23 MR. FREDETTE: -- size of what it was? Yeah.
24 I think if you go back to 2015, it probably is the
25 full plan. Why not wait for the Phase II, or if



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1 there is additional capacity in Phase I --

2 COUNCILMAN PELL: Yeah.

3 MR. FREDETTE: -- allow them to come here,
4 just like we did for Riverhead, and ask for that
5 additional capacity in the short term. It's just
6 another potential solution. And we went through
7 it, so we kind of understand it. Anyway, thank you
8 again.

9 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Thank you.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Thank you.

14 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you for coming.

15 SUPERVISOR MOORE: I'll ask again, but,
16 Kevin, is there anybody online that wishes to speak
17 to either of these public hearings?

18 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Three and Four.

19 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Three and Four.

20 MR. MC CARROLL: No hands are raised.

21 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Okay. Then I'll need a
22 motion to --

23 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Hold on.

24 SUPERVISOR MOORE: -- hold open the public
25 hearing. You would like to say something?

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1 MS. SCHERER: The SEQRA hearing you could
2 close with a written comment period of, to your
3 pleasure, 10 days, 14 days, you know, something
4 like that, and leave the map and plan hearing open.
5 So the written comment, the SEQRA hearing would be
6 closed with a written comment period, and the
7 public hearing --

8 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: So closing, closing 3.

9 MS. SCHERER: Closing 3, and keeping 4
10 adjourned to the 27th? Yes.

11 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay. That's Public
12 Hearing 3, and the map and plan would be Public
13 Hearing 4.

14 MS. SCHERER: So you'd have to do those to
15 have that --

16 CLERK SCHERMEYER: Three with a written comment
17 period, you said?

18 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Because we couldn't do
19 them both at the next meeting. You can't do them
20 at the same time, I think.

21 MS. SCHERER: You can, but we're waiting
22 for --

23 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY SCALERA: It just delays it.

24 MS. SCHERER: Then our consultant has to take
25 all these written -- these comments that have been

1 entered in the record and spoken, we get them
2 transcribed by a court reporter, and they start to
3 respond to them. So there's a lot of work involved
4 in that, so the sooner we can close that portion --

5 COUNCILMAN PELL: We could close that one.

6 MS. SCHERER: -- and start those responses --

7 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: The written record
8 open for two weeks?

9 MS. SCHERER: That would be great.

10 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Okay.

11 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: You'll make that motion?

12 MS. SCHERER: Okay. I'd like to make a
13 motion to close Public Hearing No. 3 for public
14 comment, and leave the written record open for --

15 COUNCILMAN PELL: I'll second that.

16 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: -- two weeks.

17 MS. SCHERER: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR MOORE: All in favor?

19 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Aye.

20 COUNCILMAN PELL: Aye.

21 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Aye.

22 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Aye.

24 And a motion to hold open the Public Hearing
25 No. 4 to the next Board meeting on?

1 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: The 27th.

2 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: I'll make the motion.

3 SUPERVISOR MOORE: On February 27th.

4 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: I'll second it.

5 SUPERVISOR MOORE: All in favor?

6 COUNCILWOMAN MC NAMARA: Aye.

7 MS. SCHERER: Aye.

8 COUNCILMAN PELL: Aye.

9 COUNCILMAN IASILLI: Aye.

10 COUNCILMAN SCHIAVONI: Thank you, everyone.

11 SUPERVISOR MOORE: Thank you all for coming.

12 COUNCILMAN PELL: Thank you.

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