

BEFORE

NEW HOPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

In Re: Regular Meeting

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019

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A public meeting was held at the Borough Municipal Building, 125 New Street, New Hope, Pennsylvania 18938, commencing at 7:00 p.m. on the day and date above set forth, before Tara Wilson, Professional Reporter in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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1 BOROUGH COUNCIL:

2 Mayor Laurence D. Keller

3 Connie Gering, President

4 Dan Dougherty, Vice-President

5 Tina Leifer Rettig, President Pro Tem

6 Alison Kingsley

7 Laurie McHugh

8 Peter Meyer

9 Ken Maisel

10 EJ Lee, Borough Manager

11 David Sander, Esquire, Interim Solicitor

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ALSO PRESENT:

Chief Michael Cummings

New Hope Police Department

Karen MacNair, Gilmore Associates

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1 MS. GERING: I'd like to call the

2 meeting to order. If everyone would stand up for

3 the pledge of allegiance.

4 (Pledge of allegiance was recited.)

5 MS. GERING: Can we have roll call?

6 MS. LEE: Yes, I'll take roll.

7 Vice-President Dougherty?

8 MR. DOUGHERTY: Here.

9 MS. LEE: President Pro Tem Rettig.

10 MS. RETTIG: Here.

11 MS. LEE: Council member Kingsley?

12 MS. KINGSLEY: Here.

13 MS. LEE: Ms. McHugh?

14 MS. McHUGH: Here.

15 MS. LEE: Mr. Maisel?

16 MR. MEYER: Here.

17 MS. LEE: Mr. Meyer?

18 MR. MEYER: Here.

19 MS. LEE: Mayor Keller?

20 MAYOR KELLER: Here.

21 MS. LEE: And Council President Gering?

22 MS. GERING: Here.

23 MS. LEE: Also we have with us our

24 Chief of Police, Chief Cummings; our engineer,

25 Karen MacNair and several members of the

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1 community.

2 MS. GERING: Thank you.

3 Mayor, do you have a report?

4 MAYOR KELLER: Very brief. Just to let

5 you know we are still continuing our search for

6 replacing a retired police officer. And one of

7 the three finalists -- actually two now, one was

8 hired by someone else and looking someone else.

9 So we've had to go back down to the consortium

10 list and hopefully we'll have a better of idea of

11 where we are by the next meeting. We'll have to

12 do background checks on to two knew potential

13 hires.

14 That's it.

15 MS. GERING: Thank you.

16 We have some announcements. We had

17 executive session after our October 7th meeting,

18 this was to deal with personnel issues.

19 Next, I'd like to have a motion to

20 appoint McKinley (phonetic) law firm --

21 MS. LEE: Kilkenny.

22 MS GERING: -- Kilkenny law firm as

23 interim borough solicitor and execute an

24 engagement.

25 Can I have a motion?

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1 MS. RETTIG: I'll make that motion.

2 MS. GERING: Second?

3 MR. MEYER: Second.

4 MS. GERING: Any discussion from

5 council?

6 Any discussion from the public?

7 All in favor?

8 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

9 MS. GERING: Thank you.

10 MS. LEE: Mr. Dave Sanders from

11 Kilkenny's office is here.

12 MR. SANDER: I'm Dave Sander from

13 Kilkenny Law, to my left is Sean Kilkenny and

14 just wanted to introduce ourselves, thank council

15 for their confidence in us and appointing us

16 interim solicitor. Look forward to working with

17 council until you appoint borough solicitor and,

18 you know, we'll see who that might be.

19 MS. GERING: Would you like to come

20 join us?

21 MR. SANDER: Sure. I'd be proud.

22 Thank you.

23 MS. GERING: Welcome aboard.

24 I need a motion to -- for a RFP for

25 municipal solicitor. At this time we don't have

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1 a permanent solicitor, so we're putting out a

2 request for proposals. They will be due October

3 29th and may I have that request?

4 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll make that motion.

5 MS. GERING: Second?

6 MS. McHUGH: I'll second.

7 MS. GERING: Any discussion from

8 council?

9 MS. KINGSLEY: Just a comment. I

10 believe this was advertised on the 18th of

11 September and there was never actually a

12 discussion of council, so I just want to point

13 out that I think the process was a little bit

14 bass-ackwards here. That discussion of putting

15 the RFP out should have been had back in

16 September and voted on to advertise. So I just

17 want to point out, it's out of process.

18 MS. LEE: Right. And so we do

19 recognize that -- or -- and so, the motion

20 actually is to ratify the request for proposal

21 that was already made public. So that's the

22 motion that we are --

23 MS. KINGSLEY: So I'd like the motion

24 to be amended to reflect what we're actually

25 approving.

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1 MS. LEE: Yes, which is to ratify the

2 RFP.

3 MS. KINGSLEY: No, it would be to

4 ratify a motion to advertise the RFP.

5 MR. SANDER: Well, it's already been

6 advertised.

7 MS. KINGSLEY: That's what I understand

8 --

9 MR. SANDER: Right, right.

10 MS. KINGSLEY: -- but that was

11 inappropriate because it was never ratified to go

12 out.

13 MR. SANDER: Right, it was discussed --

14 MS. KINGSLEY: And that's out of

15 process.

16 MR. SANDER: It was discussed by

17 council and --

18 MS. KINGSLEY: No, it wasn't discussed

19 by council, that's the problem.

20 MR. SANDER: Oh, I thought it was

21 discussed by council.

22 MS. KINGSLEY: The RFP was not

23 discussed at an open council meeting. It went

24 for advertising, all right? So the motion needs

25 to reflect the order that it was actually

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1 performed.
2 MS. GERING: Thank you, Alison. Any
3 other comments?
4 MS. KINGSLEY: So can we amend the
5 motion to reflect what actually is occurring?
6 MS. GERING: And what language are you
7 looking?
8 MS. KINGSLEY: Well, basically you need
9 to amend the motion to say that you're ratifying
10 the request for proposal and approving its
11 advertising retroactively --
12 MS. LEE: That's correct, yes.
13 MS. KINGSLEY: Because that's what
14 we're doing.
15 MS. GERING: All right. That makes
16 sense.
17 MS. KINGSLEY: It's been out there for
18 a month.
19 MS. LEE: Yes. Thank you.
20 MS. GERING: Thank you.
21 Any other discussion from council?
22 Any from the public?
23 Yes, Mr. Duffy? Please identify
24 yourself.
25 ED DUFFY: Ed Duffy, New Hope, 23

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1 Arden.
2 No background on why this change was
3 made? I've heard nothing, maybe I missed the
4 headlines or the information.
5 MS. GERING: Thank you.
6 All in favor?
7 PAMELA KERR: Was there an answer?
8 MS. GERING: Does anyone --
9 You want an answer? Is that what
10 you're looking for, Ed?
11 ED DUFFY: That's the reason I walked
12 up there for.
13 MS. GERING: We put out the request and
14 it's best practice that you don't keep the same
15 solicitors forever and ever. And our former
16 solicitor was also able to apply for this if he
17 chose to.
18 ED DUFFY: Okay. That was an
19 explanation, best practice, okay. We didn't hear
20 that.
21 MS. GERING: Sorry about that.
22 ED DUFFY: Me too.
23 MS. GERING: All in favor?
24 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
25 MS. GERING: Opposed?

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1 Thank you.
2 Next is, we need a motion to authorize
3 the borough manager to execute an engagement
4 agreement with Norris, McLaughlin Law Firm to
5 serve as special counsel for the borough for
6 license agreement services.
7 We have some agreements in this borough
8 that our solicitor was not able to deal because
9 it's a specialty field, so we felt that, again,
10 it would be best practice to bring someone who
11 was their specialty to deal with the contracts
12 and issues that we have.
13 Can I have a motion?
14 MR. MEYER: So moved.
15 MS. GERING: Second?
16 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll second it.
17 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
18 council?
19 Any questions from the public?
20 All in favor?
21 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
22 MS. GERING: Next, we need a motion to
23 authorize the borough solicitor to publish a
24 legal notice for public hearing and authorize
25 staff to coordinate with the Bucks County

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1 Planning Commission and the New Hope Borough
2 Planning Commission for an applicant for an
3 amendment to the borough zoning ordinance Section
4 6.
5 Can we have that motion?
6 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll make the motion.
7 MS. GERING: Second?
8 MS. McHUGH: I'll second.
9 MS. GERING: Discussion from council?
10 MS. KINGSLEY: I think the motion needs
11 to address what it's in relation to.
12 MS. LEE: Yeah, so Zoning Ordinance
13 Section 6, it's just the definition update of the
14 borough's definition of height.
15 MS. KINGSLEY: Correct. So at the
16 December meeting there was a discussion and
17 presentation by Bucks County Planning Commission
18 that 76 percent of the downtown is noncompliant.
19 And so here we are doing a band-aid on one item,
20 when I believe what we should be doing is
21 addressing the zoning ordinance as a whole and in
22 relation to each other, not in a vacuum. And the
23 height restriction has long since gone away of
24 being the subject of multiple variances.
25 So my suggestion is, that we deal with

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1 the Bucks County Planning Commission to do what
2 their recommendation was and that is to do redo
3 zoning ordinance in total in conjunction with the
4 comprehensive plan.

5 MS. LEE: Yeah. So actually that's
6 exactly what we are doing. This is just one
7 preliminary step --

8 MS. KINGSLEY: Then I'd like the update
9 on that process.

10 MS. LEE: Yeah, the planning -- they
11 did meet with the planning commission.

12 MR. MEYER: If I may --

13 MR. DOUGHERTY: Excuse me. There's a
14 motion on the floor so we should discuss that not
15 sidebars about other things that are being worked
16 on.

17 MS. GERING: Any other council
18 comments?

19 Any questions from the public?

20 Yes, Ed?

21 MR. MAISEL: Just before Ed comes up,
22 the definition that is in here is -- honestly, I
23 read it five times, I do not understand it. I
24 can't -- I really genuinely do not understand
25 what is being articulated in the height of the

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1 recommended to us by the Bucks County Planning
2 Commission is that, what you do is you establish
3 the height relative to the average of the land
4 levels at 10 foot intervals around the edge of
5 the building that is going to be placed on the
6 lot. That is the reference to the 10 foot
7 intervals, Ken. And what this will do, is this
8 will mean that we understand it more with
9 reference to the actual level of the lot.

10 Now, there's a provision in the
11 statement as well, it makes reference to the
12 existing land contour and the intent of this, is
13 to make sure that if in fact somebody brings in a
14 new development and builds up land that's down
15 low and puts in 15 feet more worth of land, that
16 they then can't build up from that 15 feet, but
17 no more than 4 feet above the original land
18 contour. That's the element of this language and
19 as I say, this is language that was recommended
20 to the planning commission and provisionally
21 approved by the planning commission and,
22 therefore, forwarded to council by the planning
23 commission at its last meeting on October 1, I
24 guess.

25 ED DUFFY: Is this a request kicked off

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1 structure. If I read it out loud maybe somebody
2 -- I mean, is this easy to understand --

3 MR. MEYER: If I may -- if I may as
4 liaison to the planning commission who
5 participated in that meaning, I might be able to
6 explain it if you give me a moment.

7 ED DUFFY: You're going to explain what
8 the amendment is?

9 MR. MEYER: I'm going to expla -- I'm
10 going to elucidate what it is that my colleague
11 on council is confused about, yes.

12 ED DUFFY: Thank you.

13 MR. MEYER: We have an existing height
14 definition which reads -- rather, which
15 references strictly the height relative to the
16 nearest edge of the street. In some cases, the
17 lot goes down and in some cases the lot goes up
18 from the street and it creates a great deal of
19 ambiguity as to what in fact the height limit
20 should be and it does not really express the
21 intent of, certainly this council, and its
22 understanding and the planning commission's
23 understanding of what the intent is of the height
24 requirement.

25 The more common height requirement as

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1 by an applicant of some sort?

2 MR. MEYER: This was a consideration
3 that appeared to the -- that went to the planning
4 commission on the basis of, among other things,
5 some of the evidence that we have about the
6 heights that we have experienced, and for
7 example, has happened with what is going on with
8 the property that is now being developed along
9 Aquetong Creek on Mechanic and this just seemed
10 to be something that needed to get done because
11 in fact we had a definition that was not serving
12 us well.

13 ED DUFFY: Thank you.

14 MS. GERING: Any other questions from
15 council?

16 MS. KINGSLEY: I think part of the
17 problem with a lot of the zoning code is that a
18 definition -- and if Ken reads it, I'm sure
19 everybody out there's going to be totally
20 confused by what it means. So if somebody goes
21 online and they want to do a project and they
22 start reading what some of the requirements are
23 going to be, they're put off from doing anything
24 because they don't understand what they are
25 reading and they're looking at 27 different

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1 interpretations. The existing language where it
 2 was 35 feet off the street level is pretty clear
 3 and where a property goes down a bank and it's a
 4 bank house, that's part of the historic
 5 construction in this community. If it goes up 35
 6 feet on the street and the project goes up the
 7 hill, it still can't go more than 35 feet above
 8 the street even if it's going up the hill.
 9 So I think the language that was there,
 10 quite frankly, was pretty clear. And I think
 11 that the proposed language is very confusing.
 12 MS. GERING: Any other discussion from
 13 council?
 14 Any comment from the public?
 15 All in favor?
 16 MS. McHUGH: Aye.
 17 MR. DOUGHERTY: Aye.
 18 MS. RETTIG: Aye.
 19 MR. MEYER: Aye.
 20 MS. GERING: Aye.
 21 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Opposed?
 22 MS. KINGSLEY: Opposed.
 23 MR. MAISEL: Opposed.
 24 MS. GERING: Thank you. So two are
 25 opposed.

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1 Yes. Welcome back, Steve.
 2 STEVEN COPPENS: Thank you. Steven
 3 Coppens, West Bridge Street. Are we changing the
 4 signage there too?
 5 MS. GERING: Chief?
 6 CHIEF CUMMINGS: Changing what?
 7 STEVEN COPPENS: The sign -- well,
 8 we've had the discussion about how -- for
 9 example, the flashing sign is blocked by the
 10 school zone sign. I mean, I know we put another
 11 little sign that goes like this, but I really
 12 think there could be -- and there's no signage at
 13 all coming from the -- from the traffic light
 14 going, I guess it's south, there's no signage at
 15 all for that intersection at Chestnut Street. I
 16 have a list, I'll be glad to give it to you, if
 17 you'd like to see it.
 18 CHIEF CUMMINGS: The signage that was
 19 put it in place was approved by PennDOT and it's
 20 a PennDOT road. They determine what signage goes
 21 up. They've given us locations and recommended
 22 which type of signs to use. So that -- I mean, I
 23 don't know what the answer is. I'm not quite
 24 sure what you're saying is the problem, I'd have
 25 to go out and look with you or something like

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1 MR. MAISEL: I just want to add -- can
 2 I talk after we've done a vote, I mean, as to the
 3 logic or are we're done with this?
 4 MS. GERING: We're done.
 5 MR. DOUGHERTY: Now for some good news.
 6 MS. GERING: You're going to like this
 7 one. A few months back we had residents from
 8 Chestnut Street come in front of the council
 9 requesting that we lower the speed limit on
 10 Bridge Street because it was a hazardous street.
 11 So meanwhile --
 12 And, Chief, please correct me on this.
 13 You have spent months surveying to see what is
 14 appropriate so you can go to PennDOT. And what
 15 the next motion would do is reduce the speed
 16 limit to 25 miles an hour there, so that's what
 17 the next motion is.
 18 So can I have a motion to have our
 19 borough solicitor advertise for an ordinance of
 20 Chapter 259, Section 10 Bridge Street reduction?
 21 MR. MAISEL: Make that motion.
 22 MS. KINGSLEY: Second.
 23 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
 24 council?
 25 Any questions from the public?

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1 that.
 2 STEVEN COPPENS: Thank you.
 3 MS. GERING: Hi. If you could just
 4 identify yourself with your street address.
 5 HELEN WALTON: Hi, yes. I'm Helen
 6 Walton and I'm from Kiltie Drive, 28 Kiltie
 7 Drive.
 8 Good evening, council members and Mayor
 9 Keller and Chief Cunningham (sic). I'd just like
 10 to read to you and introduce ourselves. We are
 11 the members of Safe Strolls Coalition, a
 12 Grassroots citizen organization and action
 13 committee.
 14 ED DUFFY: Could you speak louder,
 15 please?
 16 HELEN WALTON: Yes. We are the members
 17 of Safe Strolls New Hope, a Grassroots citizen
 18 action committee formed to share ideas and
 19 solutions for the safe walkability of our
 20 borough. Our initial discussions were about the
 21 Bridge Street corridor from its genesis at the
 22 Bridge to Sukan Road where many of us live. We
 23 share the conviction as our town grows in our
 24 popularity both as a tourist destination and as a
 25 transplanted location for empty nesters. We are

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1 seeing an increase in vehicular and pedestrian
 2 traffic, therefore we need to update our safety
 3 measures to accommodate that growth.
 4 We felt threatened by cars and can
 5 recant close call incidents as we walked to and
 6 from town. We watch cars squeezing out of New
 7 Hope Shopping Center and the New Hope Solebury
 8 Education Complex, which is active beyond school
 9 hours. Their parking lots graciously serve as
 10 much needed parking for public events, employees
 11 of the town's businesses and tourists who visit.
 12 It is of paramount importance to the vitality at
 13 Mercantile District, as well as our neighborhoods
 14 that pedestrians can move around comfortable.
 15 We see the motions presented on today's
 16 agenda as the first steps to making our town
 17 safer and more enjoyable. Bridge Street needs
 18 those signs to improve crosswalk visibility. The
 19 businesses and residents need the speed from the
 20 Bridge to Sukan to be reduced to 25 in order for
 21 pedestrians and vehicles to safely access
 22 businesses and homes. By taking measures, we
 23 secure the safety of our educational complex and
 24 expand the walkability around town. This is for
 25 the benefit, as you all know, of pedestrians,

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1 the borough. We know that you have many irons in
 2 the fire.
 3 So as proactive members of the
 4 community, we are here to help develop your
 5 safety strategies. We would appreciate any ideas
 6 that you have. We look forward to what is ahead
 7 for Bridge Street as this vital artery becomes a
 8 safer and more pleasant place to walk. We also
 9 invite members of the public that have any ideas
 10 or comments and would like to update, to contact
 11 us if you'd like to join in.
 12 And maybe ask that council would sign
 13 our letter in support of our organization.
 14 MS GERING: Can you bring that over
 15 here and council will review it and get it to you
 16 back at a later date? But thank you so much for
 17 your presentation.
 18 HELEN WALTON: Well, thank you all for
 19 our all your work. We really appreciate it.
 20 (Audience applause.)
 21 MS. GERING: Any other comments from
 22 the public? Yes? And this is in light of the
 23 speed limit, right?
 24 PAMELA KERR: Pam Kerr, North Main
 25 Street. I just wanted to thank the Chief with

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1 commerce, real estate and to enhance the
 2 pleasantries of New Hope.
 3 We applaud and support your future
 4 plans as noted in the Bridge and Main Street
 5 pedestrian improvement projects. Thank you very
 6 much. We are particularly gratified by the real
 7 time actions you have already taken. The piano
 8 striping of crosswalks at Chestnut and Ferry is
 9 of note. Due to the severe blind corner and
 10 precipitous change in grade, the
 11 Chestnut/Ferry/Bridge Street confluence is a
 12 dangerous intersection. This critical junction
 13 is the first opportunity pedestrians have to
 14 cross to the south side of town and access the
 15 public library.
 16 Thanks to Tom Carroll of public works
 17 for his partnership and effective measures that
 18 have already made a difference. We thank PennDOT
 19 for their attention to the matters brought to
 20 light by the members of our governing body and
 21 our coalition. We would love to take part in
 22 continued conversations with PennDOT and you the
 23 council on other strategies that could be
 24 employed to move us to the next level of traffic
 25 on pedestrian safety and the enforcement within

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1 out any other extra bits, just thank you. I
 2 really think this is going to help when we have
 3 all these valet services running around town to
 4 keep things a lot safer. So thank you for all
 5 the work.
 6 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 7 All right. We have a motion on the
 8 table.
 9 PHIL CARUSO: Hi. Phil Caruso, 57
 10 Buttonwood Street. The speed reduction is going
 11 to go to where?
 12 MS. GERING: Chief's going to have to
 13 answer that.
 14 CHIEF CUMMINGS: From Old York Road to
 15 Chestnut Street hill.
 16 PHIL CARUSO: And it's running both
 17 ways?
 18 CHIEF CUMMINGS: Yes.
 19 PHIL CARUSO: Thank you.
 20 MS. GERING: Any other comments?
 21 All right. We have a motion on the
 22 table.
 23 All in favor?
 24 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 25 MS. GERING: Opposed?

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1 All right. Motion passes. Thank you
 2 so much.
 3 Next we have certificates of
 4 appropriateness. The first one is for 9 West
 5 Mechanic Street for a sign. All these
 6 applications were reviewed at our workshop
 7 meeting with the applicants.
 8 Can I have a motion for approval for 9
 9 West Mechanic Street for a sign?
 10 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll make that motion.
 11 MS. GERING: Second?
 12 MS. RETTIG: Second.
 13 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
 14 council?
 15 Any questions from the public?
 16 All in favor?
 17 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 18 MS. GERING: Next is 12 Stockton Avenue
 19 for a sign approval.
 20 Do you have that on the screen?
 21 MR. DOUGHERTY: I make that motion.
 22 MS. McHUGH: I'll second.
 23 MS. GERING: And any discussion from
 24 council?
 25 Any questions from the public?

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1 that.
 2 MR. MAISEL: But it's not reflected in
 3 the photograph, right? I mean, it's the same
 4 photograph.
 5 MS. LEE: Well, the specs of what the
 6 sign is going to be is identified on the
 7 rendering that they provided that shows it's
 8 going to be a matte acrylic color, yes.
 9 MR. MAISEL: So it's the matte versus
 10 the --
 11 MS. LEE: Yes.
 12 MR. MAISEL: All right. Thank you.
 13 MS. GERING: Any other discussion from
 14 council?
 15 Any questions from the public?
 16 All in favor?
 17 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 18 Next is approval for a fence at 26
 19 North Main Street.
 20 Can I have a motion for approval?
 21 MS. McHUGH: I'll make that motion.
 22 MR. MEYER: So moved.
 23 MS. GERING: Second.
 24 MR. MEYER: Second.
 25 MS. KINGSLEY: Second.

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1 All in favor?
 2 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 3 MS. GERING: Next is a sign for 19A
 4 West Bridge Street.
 5 Can we have a motion for approval?
 6 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll make that motion.
 7 MR. MAISEL: I'll second it.
 8 MS. GERING: And can we have a second?
 9 MR. MAISEL: I'll second it.
 10 MS. GERING: Any discussion?
 11 All in favor?
 12 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 13 MS. GERING: Next sign is at 49 West
 14 Ferry Street.
 15 Can I have a motion for approval?
 16 MS. McHUGH: I'll make that motion.
 17 MS. GERING: Second.
 18 MS. RETTIG: I'll second it.
 19 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
 20 council.
 21 MR. MAISEL: Where is the -- what was
 22 accomodation? I didn't pick it up as to what
 23 they did with the acrylic, how did they --
 24 MS. LEE: No, they are doing a matte,
 25 but it's -- they did submit updated plans to show

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1 MR. MEYER: I'll second.
 2 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
 3 council?
 4 MS. KINGSLEY: I have a question.
 5 Was there a clarification, EJ, you were
 6 going to get a clarification as to whether that
 7 was in the floodway?
 8 MS. LEE: It is in the floodway for
 9 what is required in the floodway, the sign permit
 10 and the zoning officer's review of the
 11 application is what is required.
 12 MS. KINGSLEY: I'm sorry?
 13 MS. McHUGH: It's a breakaway, so it
 14 works.
 15 MS. KINGSLEY: I thought that it wasn't
 16 supposed to break away. My understanding was --
 17 MS. LEE: No, the sign for the fence
 18 that they submitted as-is does -- it does sit
 19 above elevated off the ground and that's what we
 20 had reviewed at the workshop to allow water to
 21 flow through.
 22 MS. KINGSLEY: Have you been in a
 23 flood? That fence is going away if there's a
 24 flood.
 25 MS. LEE: Right. And it's also the way

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1 the fence, the boards are, they're not --
 2 MS. KINGSLEY: But my understanding
 3 from our meeting was that -- I'm in favor of them
 4 putting up a fence.
 5 MS. LEE: Right.
 6 MS. KINGSLEY: I don't have a problem
 7 with that. What I have a problem with is, that
 8 in a flood that fence is going away along with
 9 every other fence. It doesn't matter if there's
 10 holes in it or not.
 11 MS. LEE: Yeah. There is spacing
 12 between each --
 13 MS. KINGSLEY: I understand. It's
 14 going away.
 15 MS. LEE: -- fencing.
 16 MS. KINGSLEY: 20 yard dumpsters go
 17 down the river at 35 miles an hour.
 18 MS. McHUGH: That was only one event.
 19 MS. KINGSLEY: That was enough. Okay.
 20 I just want to make a point that it's in the
 21 floodway and it's a fence.
 22 MS. GERING: Any other questions?
 23 All right. Can we have all in favor of
 24 this motion?
 25 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

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1 which is a Sunday. The permit that they
 2 submitted does fulfill all the requirements
 3 except for the certificate of insurance, which is
 4 still pending. The parade will stage at the high
 5 school, move down Bridge Street and down South
 6 Main.
 7 They have -- the application's been
 8 reviewed by the Chief of Police, as well as our
 9 public works director to make sure that there are
 10 no issues. PennDOT will also be notified and
 11 make sure the road closures are approved.
 12 MS. GERING: Can we have a motion to
 13 approve the parade?
 14 MR. MEYER: Contingent on the
 15 insurance?
 16 MS. LEE: Yes, contingent on the
 17 certificate of insurance.
 18 MS. GERING: Yes.
 19 MR. MEYER: All right. I make that
 20 motion.
 21 MR. MAISEL: Second.
 22 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
 23 council?
 24 MAYOR KELLER: I'd like to. If someone
 25 can answer, does anyone on council understand why

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1 MS. GERING: Opposed?
 2 All right. Motion passes.
 3 Next we have a motion to release escrow
 4 for No. 3 of overlook at Aquetong in amount of
 5 \$45,286.51.
 6 Can I have a motion to release the
 7 escrow?
 8 MR. MEYER: So moved.
 9 MS. GERING: Second?
 10 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll second it.
 11 MS. GERING: Any discussion?
 12 Any questions from the public?
 13 All in favor?
 14 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 15 MS. GERING: Motion passes. New Hope
 16 Chamber holiday parade. Is anyone here from
 17 there?
 18 MS. McHUGH: Do they have to be?
 19 MR. MEYER: Apparently not.
 20 MS. LEE: They were notified it was
 21 going to be on the agenda, but this is a parade
 22 -- would you like me to present it?
 23 MS. GERING: Go ahead.
 24 MS. LEE: This is a parade scheduled
 25 for Sunday, December 1 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

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1 they chose 11 to 2 and didn't tie in the tree
 2 lighting? Anybody know since we don't have a
 3 representative that is here.
 4 MS. GERING: No.
 5 PAMELA KERR: Do we know if the Logan
 6 is lighting the tree? Is that maybe why?
 7 MS. GERING: Any other discussion?
 8 All in favor?
 9 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 10 MS. GERING: Opposed?
 11 All right. Next we have a motion to
 12 appoint Robert -- I'm sorry if I'm killing his
 13 last name -- Margadonna to the Shade Tree
 14 Commission.
 15 Can we have a motion to appoint Robert?
 16 MS. McHUGH: I'll make that motion.
 17 MS. KINGSLEY: Second.
 18 MS. GERING: Second?
 19 MR. MEYER: Second.
 20 MS. GERING: Any discussion?
 21 Any questions from the public?
 22 All in favor?
 23 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 24 MS. LEE: While we're on the
 25 president's report for the motions, there is one

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1 agenda item that just came up late that needs to
 2 be added to the agenda by a motion to amend the
 3 agenda.
 4 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll make that motion.
 5 MS. RETTIG: I'll second it.
 6 MS. GERING: All in favor?
 7 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 8 MS. LEE: Dave, do you want to take
 9 that?
 10 MR. SANDER: Thank you very much, Madam
 11 Chair. This is an application for a liquor
 12 license transfer for which council must hold a
 13 public hearing within 45 days of receiving the
 14 application.
 15 EJ, correct if I'm wrong, this it for
 16 McCaffrey's --
 17 MS. LEE: Yes.
 18 MR. SANDER: -- Market and as part of
 19 -- everybody's probably seen the growing amount
 20 of liquor sales in supermarkets these days and
 21 McCaffrey's in their other locations, I believe
 22 they sell alcohol; wine and beer.
 23 So we've got this application and
 24 council needs to make a motion this evening to
 25 authorize the advertisement of a public hearing

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1 mean, they can't serve hard alcohol in there.
 2 MS. LEE: Right. And all of that will
 3 be discussed at the public hearing when they --
 4 when we do have to formally review this.
 5 MR. MAISEL: So this has a restricted
 6 element to it?
 7 MS. LEE: Yes, it does.
 8 MS. GERING: Any other questions from
 9 council?
 10 MS. KINGSLEY: Does this list the class
 11 of license?
 12 MR. SANDER: It's not a restaurant
 13 liquor license, I can tell you that. It's
 14 probably whatever license is used by supermarkets
 15 that sell wine and beer within the confines.
 16 They have to have a separate checkout area for
 17 wine and beer.
 18 MS. KINGSLEY: But the state liquor
 19 control board has a whole series of definitions
 20 for different type licenses.
 21 MR. SANDER: That's correct.
 22 MS. KINGSLEY: And I just wondered and
 23 I don't, at first blush, see the type of license
 24 that they are actually seeking to transfer and
 25 some of the print is small that in advanced

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1 for that application. The only date within 45
 2 days of today is November 19th, which is your
 3 next meeting, so it would be appropriate for
 4 council to entertain a motion to authorize the
 5 advertisement of a public hearing to consider
 6 McCaffrey's liquor license transfer application.
 7 MS. GERING: Can we have that motion?
 8 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll make that motion.
 9 MS. GERING: Second?
 10 MS. RETTIG: I'll second that as well.
 11 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
 12 council?
 13 MR. MEYER: Yes. The orange page that
 14 I have in front of me references a public hearing
 15 on November 17th. I believe that the council
 16 meeting is the 19th. Is that correct? Can we
 17 make that correction?
 18 MS. GERING: The motion is amended to
 19 reflect for the 19th.
 20 MS. LEE: That will be reflected in the
 21 advertisement.
 22 MR. SANDER: Right. It is November
 23 19th, absolutely.
 24 MR. MAISEL: Is this a restricted
 25 license? I mean, do they have limitations? I

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1 years, I cannot read it.
 2 MS. McHUGH: Nobody can read that.
 3 MS. KINGSLEY: So I'd like to have that
 4 information ahead of the hearing if possible.
 5 MS. LEE: Absolutely, yes. All of that
 6 information will be provided, this is just the
 7 blanket application that we received and just in
 8 following to make sure that we schedule a public
 9 hearing within the 45 days to follow those
 10 regulations. And then for the November 19th
 11 meeting where the public hearing will be held,
 12 all the information will be provided as
 13 appropriate.
 14 MS. GERING: Any other discussion from
 15 council?
 16 Any questions from the public?
 17 Yes.
 18 ED DUFFY: Ed Duffy, New Hope. Is
 19 there, at that meeting, they are going to lay out
 20 what the license is all about, right?
 21 MS. LEE: Yes.
 22 MR. SANDER: Absolutely.
 23 ED DUFFY: What it includes, what it
 24 doesn't include?
 25 MR. SANDER: The applicant will be

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1 present with -- possibly with counsel, make a
 2 presentation to this council and then this
 3 council make its decision.
 4 ED DUFFY: Thank you.
 5 MS. GERING: Any other questions?
 6 All in favor of our motion?
 7 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 8 MS. GERING: Opposed?
 9 Thank you.
 10 MR. SANDER: Thank you.
 11 MS. GERING: Next we need to approve
 12 the minutes from our September 17th meeting. Can
 13 I have a motion for approval?
 14 MS. McHUGH: I'll make that motion.
 15 MS. GERING: Second?
 16 MR. MAISEL: Second.
 17 MS. GERING: Any discussion from
 18 council?
 19 Any discussion from the public?
 20 All in favor?
 21 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 22 MS. GERING: Next we have approval of
 23 accounts payable for September in the amount of
 24 \$401,629.1; and September 25th and October 9th
 25 payroll in the amount of \$83,583.82 and

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1 replacement of three trees that will include the
 2 permeable material at the Dunkin' Donuts; two on
 3 North Main and one on Bridge. The plan is to
 4 replace the trees, put the porous pavement
 5 material in there increasing water supply,
 6 reducing tripping hazards.
 7 MS. McHUGH: And the amount is?
 8 GLORIA BROEKER: \$3,020 total.
 9 MS. GERING: Can we have a motion for
 10 payment?
 11 MS. KINGSLEY: So moved.
 12 MR. MEYER: Second.
 13 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 14 Any discussion from council?
 15 Any questions from the public?
 16 All in favor?
 17 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 18 MS. KINGSLEY: Have fun with the money.
 19 Thank you, Gloria.
 20 MS. McHUGH: Thank you, Gloria.
 21 MS. GERING: Next we have Finance
 22 Committee.
 23 Do we have a report, Mr. Dougherty?
 24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Just a very short one
 25 just to inform the public. We are working

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1 63,447.22.
 2 Can I have a motion for approval?
 3 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'll make that motion.
 4 MS. GERING: Second?
 5 MS. McHUGH: I'll second.
 6 MS. GERING: All in favor?
 7 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.
 8 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 9 Next is our committee reports. Park
 10 and Rec, do you have any report?
 11 MS. RETTIG: Yes. They are doing a
 12 sort of Alice in Wonderland type tea party on
 13 Saturday, November 2nd from 2 to 4 for children
 14 and the parents, I believe up to age 8 here in
 15 the community room, everybody is invited and
 16 RSVPs are requested. That's it.
 17 MS. McHUGH: That looks adorable.
 18 MS. GERING: Then we have the Shade
 19 Tree Commission.
 20 MS. McHUGH: Yes. And Gloria's here
 21 and she's going to tell us what we need to do.
 22 Come on up.
 23 GLORIA BROEKER: Gloria Broeker, chair
 24 of the Shade Tree Commission. I'm just waiting
 25 for review and approval to proceed with the

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1 diligently, EJ and Christina our treasurer, are
 2 working diligently on our 2020 budget. We have a
 3 draft of it for the borough's basically income
 4 and expenditures. At this time it appears -- and
 5 it's still a draft -- we do not foresee a --
 6 don't tell anybody this, this is just between the
 7 people in this room, it's just for this purpose
 8 -- and at this time we do not foresee any
 9 increase to the millage. So that's good news.
 10 So stay tuned. The budget will be
 11 reviewed for all who wants to review it. It will
 12 be available for display, I think in December or
 13 something.
 14 MS. LEE: November.
 15 MR. DOUGHERTY: November. We're in
 16 very good shape. EJ and Christina have done a
 17 marvelous job over the last 12 months basically
 18 creating not just a reliable budget, but much
 19 more reliable reports of our expenditure and our
 20 income and estimates of those incomes. And also
 21 frankly, allocating some of our balances more
 22 appropriately. They were sort of combined in
 23 many cases not broken out properly. They've done
 24 a Herculean job at straightening out the books,
 25 if you will, throughout the last 12, 18 months,

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1 so thank you.
 2 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 3 HARB, any reports?
 4 MR. MAISEL: No report.
 5 MS. GERING: Zoning has, we don't have
 6 -- oh, planning commission.
 7 Mr. Meyer?
 8 MR. MEYER: The planning commission
 9 obviously has put before borough council an
 10 amendment to the zoning ordinance, which we've
 11 already discussed this evening and the planning
 12 commission has further discussed how we are going
 13 to move forward with the -- with the Bucks County
 14 Planning Commission that did attend the planning
 15 commission's meeting. And we are moving forward
 16 with them on further revisions of the borough
 17 zoning ordinance in order to address a variety of
 18 problems. Not the least in which is the fact
 19 that virtually every property downtown is not in
 20 compliance with some of the setback and related
 21 types of requirements.
 22 We're investigating -- the planning
 23 commission's a variety of options as to how to
 24 move forward and this phase continuing to do so.
 25 Beyond that, I don't know, was there anything

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1 within the flood plain without having to comply
 2 with the flood plain basically using the building
 3 as it already exists for an additional use, which
 4 is event. But the part that our zoning officer
 5 highlighted in reviewing this application, is
 6 that the site currently requires 35 parking --
 7 offsite parking spaces. The site currently
 8 offers 10 offsite off-site parking spaces.
 9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Onsite?
 10 MS. LEE: Onsite, yes.
 11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Can you back up? It
 12 requires -- so it requires -- how many does it
 13 require on-site, offsite? How many does it
 14 on-site, off-site?
 15 MS. LEE: Offsite, I don't know. They
 16 didn't provide that information. On-site,
 17 they're required to have 35, they currently have
 18 10.
 19 MR. SANDER: Probably on the street
 20 versus off-street, is that --
 21 MS. GERING: They can't park on the
 22 street.
 23 MS. LEE: There is no street parking
 24 there.
 25 MR. SANDER: See, well, you learn very

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1 else? I can't think of anything else that we did
 2 that warrants discussion right now. It is
 3 continuing to work, I think it is a active,
 4 active group, which it has not been in the past.
 5 So this is a net gain for the borough.
 6 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 7 Next for zoning, we have an application
 8 for Riverhouse Offices, which is 328 South Main
 9 Street. They're asking for -- I lost it here,
 10 what is it?
 11 MS. LEE: They are asking for a use
 12 change, as well as the parking space variance for
 13 required parking spaces on site. I don't see
 14 that the applicant is here. They were notified
 15 of tonight's meeting, so I don't know if you want
 16 to --
 17 MS. GERING: You want to present?
 18 MS. LEE: I can do a quick presentation
 19 of what it is they're asking. This is for the
 20 Union -- what the building known as the Union
 21 Square or the Union Mills building down at South
 22 Main, that's 328 South Main. They would like to
 23 utilize that building for an event space in
 24 addition to office space right now. And they
 25 would like to be able to utilize that space

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1 quickly.
 2 MS. LEE: So, Dave, did you want to
 3 give a quick rundown of the council's options?
 4 MR. SANDER: Certainly. Council's
 5 options are to take no position on this and allow
 6 the zoning hearing board to decide the
 7 application. You have an option to vote to
 8 oppose the application and send the solicitor to
 9 oppose it; or you could, and I've seen this done,
 10 write a letter to the zoning hearing board
 11 expressing council's position, but not strong
 12 enough that you would send the solicitor to
 13 oppose.
 14 MR. DOUGHERTY: I'm sorry. Not strong
 15 enough, what was the last --
 16 MR. SANDER: Then you would send the
 17 solicitor to oppose, but you want the zoning
 18 hearing board to know that you have a position or
 19 a concern about the application.
 20 MS. RETTIG: I have a question about
 21 this. It's saying that they want to allow it be
 22 used when it's not being used as an office.
 23 MS. LEE: Yes. So during the day they
 24 can use it as an office. They want to be able to
 25 utilize it for private events in the evening and

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1 weekends. So they wouldn't need to utilize the
 2 parking the same time the office building is
 3 being used, which is part of what it is that they
 4 are requesting; however, with the new use in
 5 there --
 6 MS. RETTIG: It's -- yeah, it generates
 7 more people.
 8 MS. LEE: The requirement is still 35
 9 parking spaces.
 10 MR. DOUGHERTY: What would the
 11 impetuous of this council be to just say, okay,
 12 we don't -- that parking requirement doesn't
 13 apply to this particular one? What is the
 14 rationale being proposed here?
 15 MS. LEE: I do not see any formal
 16 rationale behind that.
 17 MR. DOUGHERTY: Just they don't have 35
 18 spots, they have 10 spots --
 19 MS. LEE: On-site they do not.
 20 MR. DOUGHERTY: -- and they would like
 21 to do it anyway?
 22 MS. LEE: That's what they are asking,
 23 yes.
 24 MR. DOUGHERTY: It seems pretty simple.
 25 MS. GERING: Any other questions from

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1 parking, what's the cooking requirements. It's
 2 in the flood plain. I'm having a difficult time
 3 with this.
 4 MR. DOUGHERTY: I agree a hundred
 5 percent. I think for us to say -- we've gotten
 6 in trouble before by saying, yes, event space
 7 okay and then the next shoe drops, you know, they
 8 want a hood and they want a catering, you know,
 9 and there suddenly has to a ramp for the catering
 10 truck or something. And we approved that event
 11 space, so why not. I have a lot of -- and
 12 they're not here to answer any questions, right?
 13 MS. LEE: No.
 14 MR. MEYER: No, they're not here to
 15 answer any questions. They do seem to say that
 16 they need 28 off-street parking spaces rather
 17 than 35 because in fact they will not be holding
 18 events outside when they are engaging in the
 19 office use, but that implies 20 spaces are needed
 20 for the event. I am inclined to agree with the
 21 rest of you that not being able to get answers to
 22 our questions this evening, leaves us in a
 23 position in which we have to express extreme
 24 reservations, if nothing else.
 25 The problem is having no answers to our

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1 council? Discussion on this?
 2 MS. RETTIG: Yes, I have -- I do. I
 3 have a few questions here. They want to use it
 4 as an event space, so what are they bringing a
 5 catering truck in? Are they asking for a
 6 kitchen? Is there a kitchen there now? I mean,
 7 what's -- it's an office space, so last time I
 8 checked --
 9 MS. GERING: Their first floor -- we
 10 were there for when they raised the beam and a
 11 lot of you were there. And the first floor is
 12 very open space and it's very conducive for them
 13 to do events there. My concern is, they don't
 14 have parking and I personally would feel that we
 15 do make them have -- meet the requirements for
 16 additional parking and that's just my position.
 17 MR. DOUGHERTY: And I think to Tina --
 18 Tina, did you have other points too?
 19 MS. RETTIG: I just wanted to -- I
 20 mean, having never been inside there, I'm not
 21 seeing a floor plan necessarily of what they're
 22 looking for. I'm a little bit concerned as to
 23 all of a sudden we're taking an office building
 24 and they're being asked to -- can we small --
 25 define small -- events there. We have no

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1 questions. We're really not in a position to ask
 2 our solicitor to represent us because I'm not
 3 what we're representing when we don't have
 4 answers.
 5 MR. SANDER: Opposing the application,
 6 that's what you would be doing.
 7 MR. MEYER: We could attempt to write a
 8 letter that sort of specifies all of our
 9 concerns, but it seems to me that that's not
 10 quite appropriate either. I'm inclined to
 11 oppose.
 12 MR. DOUGHERTY: I would be inclined to
 13 oppose it.
 14 MS. GERING: Ken?
 15 MR. MAISEL: I think without -- can
 16 this just be pushed off for a month and have them
 17 show up?
 18 MS. GERING: Well, they're going to
 19 zoning.
 20 MR. MAISEL: Oh, they're going to
 21 zoning.
 22 MR. MEYER: And zoning is on a clock.
 23 MS. LEE: Would you like -- we do have
 24 a workshop between now and the next zoning
 25 meeting.

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1 MR. MAISEL: I think it's really clear
 2 that --
 3 MS. LEE: I will reach out to them and
 4 see if they will be -- if they're willing to come
 5 and attend that one. They were forwarded all the
 6 letters and notified of the appearance in front
 7 of council here today, but I'm not sure what
 8 happened.
 9 MR. DOUGHERTY: Well, I think the work
 10 session's agenda is as tight as a drum as it is
 11 with year-end processing and the budget review
 12 and everything else. I think just to have this
 13 roll on to there because they're not -- I mean, I
 14 don't -- I'm not in favor of just like, well,
 15 let's give them another bite at the apple then.
 16 Then that becomes less time that this council can
 17 focus on the needs of our constituents on the
 18 other 16 things that we're struggling with
 19 because someone didn't come to a meeting, so, no.
 20 MS. KINGSLEY: Well, the problem is
 21 that the appearance before zoning has a time
 22 constraint on it, so council has to decide
 23 whether or not we're going to take a position
 24 before that zoning hearing. So we either take a
 25 position tonight and agree maybe to send a letter

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1 the church up the road a mile away as a basis for
 2 a solution for satisfying parking.
 3 So I think in this particular case, I
 4 think telling -- saying that we have this as a
 5 major objection. They've been a good steward in
 6 terms of how they handled themselves over the
 7 last few years and particularly the last year
 8 moving of Odette's and the kinds of improvements
 9 that they made to the existing property. So to
 10 start, you know, slamming our hand down without
 11 giving them an opportunity, even though they
 12 should have been here tonight, seems a little
 13 heavy-handed.
 14 MR. DOUGHERTY: Ken, I think tonight is
 15 the opportunity that they had. They're not here.
 16 They applied, they're on our agenda. We got them
 17 on the agenda. Then we have questions and
 18 there's plenty --
 19 MR. MAISEL: I think we have every
 20 right to do --
 21 MR. DOUGHERTY: -- of opportunity here,
 22 Ken.
 23 MR. MAISEL: All I'm doing is giving an
 24 alternative option. I hear what you're saying.
 25 I think we have the right to do that, but --

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1 that lists the concerns or if you want to spend
 2 the money, send the solicitor and oppose. I
 3 think they're your only two options right now.
 4 MS. GERING: So what --
 5 MR. MAISEL: I would be in favor of a
 6 strong letter describing what our issues are. I
 7 mean, it's parking. We don't care, I don't think
 8 that the limited use that they have in mind, but
 9 they haven't given us any reason to believe they
 10 can satisfy this parking. I mean, that's their
 11 own. So why can't that be -- you know, why can't
 12 we just precipitously identify that being a big
 13 problem for us and send them on their way to
 14 zoning and then have them try to satisfy --
 15 The only thing that concerns me about
 16 is parking, the satisfaction in parking in this
 17 town, is that everyone finds like eight spots
 18 somewhere like a quarter of a mile away and
 19 identifies it as their own spot and satisfies the
 20 needs of, you know, that are required when it's
 21 not really a practical solution. And it just
 22 usurps whatever existing parking that is here or
 23 not here in a more dire manner. And there's
 24 clearly, as we all recognize, a day of reckoning
 25 when it comes to this accomodation, you know, at

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1 MS. GERING: Anyone else from council
 2 have comments?
 3 Alison?
 4 MS. KINGSLEY: My comment was to send a
 5 letter with the strong recommendation to address
 6 parking.
 7 MS. McHUGH: Yeah, I agree. I think
 8 parking's the issue.
 9 MS. RETTIG: I'm opposed to the whole
 10 thing.
 11 MR. MEYER: I'm opposed.
 12 MS. GERING: Yes, Pam.
 13 PAMELA KERR: I'm just hoping --
 14 Pam Kerr, North Main Street.
 15 I'm just hoping that the letter
 16 clarifies that despite all the variances they and
 17 others have gotten in the past because of
 18 parking, it's now New Hope is going to be just
 19 totally clogged with valet parking all over the
 20 place, you just can't keep adding this. So I
 21 agree they did a wonderful thing moving the
 22 building and offered to do it, nobody twisted
 23 their arm. This is not a --
 24 You don't have to feel mean about this,
 25 Ken, this is just beyond what the town can

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1 handle. I think that needs to be really, really
 2 clear. Thanks
 3 MS. GERING: Thank you. Any other
 4 comments from the public?
 5 Yes, Mr. Duffy?
 6 ED DUFFY: Ed Duffy, 23 Arden. It
 7 seems clear -- it seems clear that maybe you want
 8 to change your process requirements that the
 9 applicant has to be here in order for the process
 10 to move forward. You guys are struggling,
 11 obviously on these things. Is it hard to say,
 12 okay, if you want this thing to move forward, you
 13 got to attend the meeting that is appropriate or
 14 else it doesn't move forward?
 15 MS. LEE: Unfortunately, this is a
 16 zoning hearing process.
 17 ED DUFFY: I can't hear you.
 18 MS. LEE: Unfortunately, this is a
 19 zoning hearing board application and there are
 20 other laws governing what the process is for
 21 zoning hearing board applications. Once they
 22 submit an application and it's accepted, the
 23 hearing has to be scheduled within its time frame
 24 of that application to be submitted.
 25 MS. KINGSLEY: There are legal time

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1 take a position on the application. It would be
 2 good if the applicant was here, could've answered
 3 a lot of questions tonight, but the applicant
 4 chose not to be and it seems like the applicant
 5 at its peril --
 6 ED DUFFY: Well --
 7 MR. SANDER: Let me finish. At its
 8 peril, will suffer for not being here because
 9 there's either going to be a letter or there's
 10 going to be opposition at the zoning hearing
 11 board. You can't push it off because this
 12 council's not making the ultimate decision. The
 13 ultimate decision is the zoning hearing board's
 14 and they have to do it within a certain amount of
 15 time after the filing of the application.
 16 ED DUFFY: So he bears the outcome of
 17 the meeting?
 18 MR. SANDER: That's correct.
 19 ED DUFFY: I thought maybe you could
 20 force him here then it would be more clearer.
 21 MR. SANDER: That would be wonderful if
 22 they were here. They were notified as the
 23 manager advised you.
 24 MS. McHUGH: Maybe we can strongly
 25 recommend it.

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1 frames, Ed, they have to stay within and the
 2 borough has to respond and they have to respond.
 3 ED DUFFY: Even when they don't have
 4 all the clear facts and everything? You have to
 5 make a decision?
 6 MS. KINGSLEY: They can oppose.
 7 MR. SANDER: Well, if they don't show
 8 up to the zoning hearing board, they're going to
 9 be denied, so they --
 10 ED DUFFY: It's not clear what all the
 11 pieces are.
 12 MS. LEE: The application was to the
 13 zoning hearing board not to council.
 14 ED DUFFY: So why do they stop here?
 15 MR. SANDER: Why what?
 16 ED DUFFY: Why should they come here?
 17 Why should you be talking about it --
 18 MS. LEE: This is a process that --
 19 ED DUFFY: -- if you can't get him to
 20 come to a meeting?
 21 MS. GERING: Ed, it's a process.
 22 MR. SANDER: It's council's
 23 prerogative, their procedure when they receive a
 24 zoning hearing board application is to put it on
 25 their agenda so that they can decide whether to

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1 ED DUFFY: Thank you.
 2 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 3 Any other comments?
 4 PAMELA KERR: Just a question, when's
 5 the zoning hearing board?
 6 HELEN WALTON: Forgive my ignorance.
 7 Helen Walton, 28 Kiltie Drive. Forgive my
 8 ignorance, I wanted to understand. Do you have a
 9 board of adjustments?
 10 MR. SANDER: Yes.
 11 HELEN WALTON: And so this is going to
 12 your zoning board?
 13 MR. SANDER: That's correct.
 14 HELEN WALTON: Because the other is
 15 semi-judicial, council should not comment on
 16 that. Thank you.
 17 MS. GERING: Any other questions?
 18 AMELIA BENNETT: Amelia Bennett, 100
 19 Kiltie. I just wanted to agree with the lady in
 20 front regarding how people move around town and
 21 how limited parking is at the minute. And all
 22 those pedestrians safety things you mentioned
 23 earlier, I just wanted to say that it's the
 24 business's responsibility to take care of the
 25 parking needs that they have otherwise that

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1 responsibility is going to fall in someone else's
 2 hand and probably they don't have the budget to
 3 take care of it and that's it.
 4 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 5 Any other comments?
 6 PAMELA KERR: I just want to know the
 7 date.
 8 MS. LEE: November 14th. Thank you.
 9 MS. GERING: So in conclusion, we are
 10 going to have our solicitor write a letter in
 11 opposition to the parking?
 12 MR. SANDER: If that's council's --
 13 MR. DOUGHERTY: Just some guidance
 14 here, should we vote on to tell you write the
 15 letter, is that how --
 16 MR. SANDER: Yeah, absolutely. I need
 17 authorization for that.
 18 MS. GERING: All right. Can we have a
 19 motion to have our solicitor write a letter in
 20 opposition to the parking situation.
 21 MR. MAISEL: I'll make that motion.
 22 MS. KINGSLEY: Second.
 23 MS. GERING: All in favor?
 24 MR. DOUGHERTY: Aye.
 25 MS. RETTIG: Aye.

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1 flood zone where people are going to be
 2 congregating and cars, et cetera as opposed to an
 3 office with 10 people is very different.
 4 MS. KINGSLEY: I think we have a lot of
 5 venues --
 6 MR. DOUGHERTY: That are in the
 7 floodway.
 8 MS. KINGSLEY: -- that are flood --
 9 MR. DOUGHERTY: But that goes --
 10 MS. KINGSLEY: -- in the floodway
 11 during events.
 12 MR. DOUGHERTY: My understanding was a
 13 lot of reasons that place that's now the Ghost
 14 Light Inn, the first floor, a lot of stuff had to
 15 be done this way in order to get up to code to
 16 make it an event space. And it wasn't allowed to
 17 reopen unless all that stuff and money was spent
 18 to make it --
 19 MS. KINGSLEY: To elevate it.
 20 MR. DOUGHERTY: -- to elevate it and
 21 safe down there whereas they would like to
 22 basically create an event space in a flood zone,
 23 which might have 35, 40 people in it. Very good
 24 point, Alison, I think that's -- there are really
 25 two issues.

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1 MR. MEYER: Aye.
 2 MS. KINGSLEY: Discussion?
 3 MS. GERING: Discussion.
 4 MS. KINGSLEY: Question in regard to
 5 the flood plain, are they looking for a flood
 6 plain waiver in this application?
 7 MS. LEE: They are. Yes, they are.
 8 They're asking to utilize the building as it
 9 currently is without having to make any
 10 modifications for the new use that may trigger
 11 other updates to the building related to flood
 12 plain requirements.
 13 MS. KINGSLEY: So they're probably --
 14 the question of whether or not you want to grant
 15 -- take a position on whether or not you want to
 16 allow a waiver of the FEMA waiver should probably
 17 be in that application letter as well as to
 18 whether or not you want to allow that.
 19 MR. DOUGHERTY: I think what Alison is
 20 saying is there should be two aspects to the
 21 letter --
 22 MS. KINGSLEY: Correct.
 23 MR. DOUGHERTY: -- that we write to the
 24 ZHB with concerns. The other one is, of course,
 25 having an event space public safetywise in a

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1 MS. GERING: That's a good point.
 2 We're going to redo the motion now.
 3 MR. SANDER: Well, if council is of a
 4 mind then it'd be a motion to authorize the
 5 solicitor to include in the letter to the zoning
 6 hearing board, opposition to relief concerning
 7 the placement of the event space in the flood
 8 zone.
 9 MS. KINGSLEY: I'm not necessarily
 10 opposed, but more concerned and so I think that
 11 the maybe from my perspective anyway, that the
 12 language should be concerned as opposed because
 13 we don't even really know what they're doing yet.
 14 MS. RETTIG: I'm opposed to the whole
 15 thing.
 16 MR. MEYER: Can we -- I think there's a
 17 conflict over the use of the word opposed or
 18 concerned -- opposed to or concerned with. Can I
 19 ask for a vote on amendment to the proposed
 20 resolution?
 21 MS. GERING: That's what we're doing
 22 right now, we're adding to it. What else would
 23 you like to add?
 24 MR. MEYER: The question is whether or
 25 not we're using the words oppose to or concerned

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1 with. And I'm trying to get us to be able to
 2 vote on that question and I'm asking for
 3 guidance.
 4 MR. SANDER: As it stands, the first
 5 motion that I took notes on is that our office
 6 write a letter in opposition to the parking
 7 relief that they are requesting from the zoning
 8 hearing board. So that's opposition, that's not
 9 we're concerned with, here's some questions we
 10 want answered; that is we oppose this.
 11 MS. KINGSLEY: I think, just from my
 12 perspective, before we start opposing things when
 13 we really don't know what they're doing, the
 14 borough has an opportunity for a few in lieu of
 15 to pay for parking. You know, I think that
 16 taking the position that we're concerned about
 17 how the zoning board's going to address these and
 18 we want them to pay special attention to it, the
 19 zoning hearing board is going to make the
 20 ultimate decision no matter whether we oppose it
 21 or support it or doesn't matter. And they are
 22 going to do that in relation, hopefully, to the
 23 law.
 24 But I think that just being -- pointing
 25 out that these are the concerns that council has

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1 to make stuff up in order to just be concerned
 2 about it.
 3 MS. McHUGH: Right.
 4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Right? Based on what's
 5 here, we'd have to be opposed to it.
 6 MS. McHUGH: We should oppose the whole
 7 thing because nobody was here then.
 8 MS. KINGSLEY: Yeah, but that's not
 9 fair either.
 10 MS. McHUGH: Because we're making up
 11 the whole thing.
 12 MR. MAISEL: I think I'm comfortable
 13 with that.
 14 MR. SANDER: Opposing the parking and
 15 concerned with the event next to the flood zone?
 16 MS. RETTIG: I'm opposed to the flood
 17 plain as well.
 18 MS. GERING: All right. We're going to
 19 move forward. Can you read the --
 20 MR. SANDER: New motion is --
 21 MS. GERING: This is it.
 22 MR. SANDER: -- that the solicitor is
 23 authorized to send a letter to the zoning hearing
 24 board opposing the application for parking relief
 25 and expressing concern with regard to the

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1 and some of the members of the public, I think is
 2 the more appropriate tact to take.
 3 MR. DOUGHERTY: I agree with.
 4 MS. GERING: Can you read the whole
 5 thing again so we can start all over?
 6 MR. SANDER: After that statement, I'm
 7 not sure how this motion will go, but I'm going
 8 to read the previous motion and add to it the
 9 flood zone issue. It'd be a motion to authorize
 10 the solicitor to send a letter to the zoning
 11 hearing board in opposition to the parking relief
 12 and expressing concern with the placement of an
 13 event space in the flood zone.
 14 MR. DOUGHERTY: To assuage some of the
 15 comments we're having about -- I agree with
 16 Alison, is -- could it be based on the available
 17 -- the information available to council, which
 18 was lacking any information about how the parking
 19 would be addressed and also lacking the types of
 20 events? So in absence of that information, we'd
 21 have no other alternative than to be opposed to
 22 it, but -- you know what I'm trying to say?
 23 Basically a preface that says the reason why we
 24 were opposed as to just concerned is because
 25 based on what we have in front of us, we'd have

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1 placement of an event space in a flood zone.
 2 MS. GERING: Approval for motion -- I
 3 mean, who needs to --
 4 MS. KINGSLEY: So moved.
 5 MS. GERING: All right. Second?
 6 MR. MAISEL: I'll second.
 7 MS. GERING: Any more discussion from
 8 council?
 9 Public?
 10 All in favor?
 11 MS. KINGSLEY: Aye.
 12 MR. MAISEL: Aye.
 13 MS. McHUGH: Aye.
 14 MS. GERING: Aye.
 15 Opposed?
 16 MS. RETTIG: Aye.
 17 MR. MEYER: Opposed.
 18 MS. GERING: One opposed
 19 MR. MEYER: Two.
 20 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 21 The manager's report.
 22 MS. LEE: I have nothing to report.
 23 MS. GERING: Public comment?
 24 Ms. Meehan, we -- you can come up here
 25 and tell us about your parade, because there were

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1 comments. We already discussed it.
 2 TERRY MEEHAN: Sorry I apologize for
 3 being late. Terry Meehan, President of the
 4 Chamber of Commerce. We want to have a parade on
 5 December 1st, we filed all the paperwork. I'm
 6 assuming it went through because I haven't heard
 7 from EJ. We decided to change the time to 11:00
 8 rather than 4:30 in the afternoon because there
 9 was a small problem for the Playhouse because
 10 they usually have a show at 2:00. So having to
 11 get -- it's really crowded.
 12 And the last year the parade was so
 13 dark, we -- there's a lot of Girl Scouts and Boy
 14 Scout, young people that are in it and a lot of
 15 the parents had concerns about it being so late.
 16 And we really thought about it and asked people
 17 in town what they prefer and we kind of want
 18 people to come in town, see the parade, have
 19 lunch, stay, shop all afternoon and then go to
 20 the tree lighting. I haven't heard if there's
 21 going to be a tree lighting, we're assuming there
 22 is going to be one. But you know all set with
 23 the Chief, it'll be the third year in the road,
 24 we didn't do it last year, we did it the year
 25 before and now we're doing it again this year.

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1 discussions are still ongoing. We have another
 2 meeting scheduled with them next week to continue
 3 those discussions.
 4 ED DUFFY: Now, who's leading that
 5 ordinance change now that we've changed the
 6 horses so-to-speak?
 7 MS. LEE: Right. Well, it's really
 8 being led by a committee of Peter, Connie and Dan
 9 and our engineer myself and our zoning officer
 10 and then obviously, our solicitor.
 11 ED DUFFY: Is it going to be separate
 12 ordinance in itself?
 13 MS. LEE: Yes.
 14 ED DUFFY: Or is it going to be blended
 15 with another ordinance?
 16 MS. LEE: Right now it's looking to be
 17 a separate standalone zoning ordinance.
 18 ED DUFFY: I'll talk about this
 19 individually. This seems like an inappropriate
 20 thing to have all the board people crafting
 21 something for an applicant. It seems sort of out
 22 of order.
 23 MR. MEYER: We are not crafting it for
 24 the applicant.
 25 ED DUFFY: What are you doing then?

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1 So far we've got 27 people and they've
 2 all come and the last we're expecting at least
 3 40, you know, groups to go through and it's going
 4 to be fun. So we're coming to get your blessing.
 5 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 6 Any questions from anyone?
 7 Thank you. You were approved, except
 8 you need insurance.
 9 TERRY MEEHAN: We sent it to Jo.
 10 MS. GERING: Do we have any public
 11 comments?
 12 Yes, Mr. Duffy?
 13 ED DUFFY: Ed, Duffy, 23 Arden. Yeah,
 14 I'm asking the question to the borough manager
 15 about the Wawa meeting that she hinted at the
 16 work session last time. I was wondering she -- I
 17 was wondering if you have comment. I did send
 18 you an e-mail.
 19 MS. LEE: Yeah. Oh, I did respond
 20 earlier today that we did hold a meeting.
 21 ED DUFFY: Could you share it with the
 22 public?
 23 MS. LEE: Yeah. I mean, the meeting
 24 really was a discussion of the zoning ordinance
 25 amendment that Wawa had requested and those

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1 MR. MEYER: The applicant is asking for
 2 certain things and we are dealing with the fact
 3 that they are requesting these items.
 4 ED DUFFY: So you're having meetings
 5 with them?
 6 MR. MEYER: I believe that's what the
 7 borough manager just told you, Ed.
 8 MS. LEE: Yes. They're following the
 9 process that is already in place in our borough
 10 code that allows for these discussion to take
 11 place.
 12 ED DUFFY: I would ask that you provide
 13 public comment about anything that's going on
 14 with that because that should be made public. I
 15 understand that these guys are very good people.
 16 I know them, I trust them, but the public needs
 17 to know what's going on with it.
 18 MS. LEE: Right. And towards -- once
 19 somewhat of a draft zoning ordinance amendment is
 20 available, it will eventually have to come before
 21 council at a public meeting for formal review by
 22 the public and everybody -- everybody in the
 23 borough is invited just like we would any
 24 ordinance amendment.
 25 ED DUFFY: And are they paying for

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1 this --
 2 MS. LEE: Yes, they are.
 3 ED DUFFY: -- expertise? Okay. Look
 4 for another updates.
 5 A question that we've had about four
 6 items that concern HARB with the signs and so
 7 forth, is HARB still alive or is it in a
 8 suspension or in reformation?
 9 MS. LEE: We are still working on
 10 getting the HARB back on track. In fact, Ken and
 11 I met last month to go over scheduling some
 12 interviews to get appointments in place, but we
 13 are. It's an active and front burner topic that
 14 we're making sure is properly addressed.
 15 ED DUFFY: Yeah, because I think it'd
 16 be appropriate to have a separate organization
 17 looking at the historical, not just the council
 18 at a work session.
 19 MR. MAISEL: I will add one thing to
 20 what EJ just said. I mean, our enthusiasm for
 21 having a HARB Board is undeniable. It's going to
 22 happen, but I think what has happened over the
 23 last two or three months without having an
 24 official board and us cobbling this thing
 25 together and dealing with it, I think we've

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1 are we paying for the trees in front of Dunkin'
 2 Donuts and not the trees in front Sal's place on
 3 the other side on South Main Street?
 4 MS. McHUGH: It's an ongoing process.
 5 We can't do them all at once, so we're gradually
 6 doing them.
 7 MS. KINGSLEY: It's not the trees.
 8 ED DUFFY: So are you going to -- yeah,
 9 they're going to pull the tree -- what's the
 10 process? What are you doing for the \$3,000?
 11 MS. McHUGH: We're putting porous
 12 paving, so instead of doing tree grates that
 13 people can trip over, they are very cumbersome
 14 to --
 15 ED DUFFY: Does that require pulling
 16 the tree out?
 17 MS. McHUGH: Yeah.
 18 GLORIA BROEKER: Yes, it does.
 19 ED DUFFY: Okay.
 20 GLORIA BROEKER: If I can just say, I
 21 know Sal has expressed interest in doing that
 22 same thing and I would like to speak with him
 23 about that.
 24 ED DUFFY: Yeah, because he's been in
 25 that process for a while and then all of a sudden

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1 gotten much more of a feel for the flow of what
 2 is being dealt by HARB on a first-hand basis
 3 because we've been fielding all the applications
 4 with the help of a preservationist. And I think
 5 it's helped all of us be able to appreciate some
 6 of the subtleties of the HARB Board.
 7 I think we're going to be better served
 8 with some of cobbling of the existing board that
 9 had previously existed board and new members and
 10 with a direction that we now can offer that we
 11 couldn't've done the thing before these last
 12 three or four months.
 13 ED DUFFY: Sounds great. Thanks, Ken.
 14 MR. MEYER: May I add one item? We do
 15 not have a choice. Under the municipal code, we
 16 have to have a HARB if we have a historic
 17 district.
 18 ED DUFFY: That's what I thought.
 19 That's why I was asking about where it was.
 20 MR. MEYER: Right. Just wanted to
 21 clarify that point.
 22 ED DUFFY: One last thing. I know you
 23 guys want to do something. The Shade Tree
 24 transaction that just happened for \$3,000, these
 25 are trees in front of the Dunkin' Donuts? Why

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1 we're doing if for the Dunkin' Donuts.
 2 GLORIA BROEKER: I was just made aware
 3 that he had an interest, so --
 4 MR. DOUGHERTY: Excuse me. This is --
 5 right now this is public comment not this --
 6 MS. GERING: Are we done? Okay, Ed.
 7 Anything else or are we done?
 8 ED DUFFY: Okay, Connie. I think I'm
 9 done. You can get ready to go.
 10 MS. GERING: Thank you, Ed.
 11 MR. DOUGHERTY: Thanks, Ed.
 12 MS. GERING: Does anyone else have any
 13 pub -- yes, Geri.
 14 MS. KINGSLEY: While we're waiting for
 15 Geri, I have a question. We didn't put an RFP
 16 out for a new zoning solicitor and the current
 17 firm has -- you mentioned that part of the reason
 18 for putting out an RFP for the borough solicitor
 19 was that he'd been here too many years. The
 20 zoning firm has been here for at least that many
 21 years as well and so they also several years ago
 22 put out -- they sent their bill without
 23 requesting an increase in their fee and borough
 24 council was blind-sided by that and so they
 25 increased their own fee. So my suggestion is that

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1 also an RFP goes out for a zoning solicitor as
 2 well.
 3 MR. SANDER: They can't increase their
 4 own fee.
 5 MS. KINGSLEY: I understand that.
 6 Trust me --
 7 MR. SANDER: They ask you for an
 8 increase.
 9 MS. KINGSLEY: No, no. This happened,
 10 they increased it, it got paid by the former
 11 borough -- by the former borough treasurer and
 12 there was a dialogue back and forth. It was
 13 resolved, but the fact is they've been here many,
 14 many years and took that liberty. So I think
 15 based on the too many year comment earlier, I
 16 think that the same thing should apply.
 17 MS. LEE: Yeah, the zoning solicitor's
 18 actually selected by the zoning hearing board and
 19 then ratified by borough council, so if that's
 20 something that is a concern, we can --
 21 FEMALE VOICE: Can't hear you.
 22 MS. LEE: Oh, sorry. The zoning
 23 solicitor is selected by the zoning hearing board
 24 but approved by council so it's more of a dual
 25 process.

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1 On July 1th -- sorry, I've been out of
 2 town for a few months. On July 15th and this was
 3 presented to borough -- or actually to the people
 4 of New Hope, to us the people:
 5 The flag of the United States of
 6 America. This is to certify that accompanying
 7 flag is flown over the United States Capitol at
 8 the request of the Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick,
 9 member of commerce, presented to the people of
 10 New Hope. In recognition of your commitment to
 11 embrace diversity and lead the way on inclusion
 12 in your community.
 13 And in this day and age, that's saying
 14 quite a lot. Thank you, and I'd like to present
 15 this to you.
 16 (Audience applause.)
 17 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 18 Steve, I saw your hand. Do you have a
 19 comment?
 20 STEVEN COPPENS: I just -- Steven
 21 Coppens. I haven't been around for a while --
 22 I've been around, but I haven't been to meetings.
 23 I just want to know what's going on with junior
 24 council and how they're making out with their --
 25 what kind of progress they're making on their

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1 MR. SANDER: The MPC says that the
 2 zoning hearing board can appoint their own
 3 solicitor.
 4 MS. KINGSLEY: So what's the process
 5 for getting a new zoning hearing solicitor? They
 6 get to appoint, but can we request an RFP?
 7 MS. LEE: We can have that conversation
 8 with the zoning hearing board.
 9 MS. GERING: Talk to zoning board.
 10 All right. Any other public comments?
 11 Yes, Geri. I'm sorry, you were next.
 12 GERI DELEVICH: Geri Delevich, Old Mill
 13 Road. On a lighter note, I'd like to present the
 14 borough with a flag. On July 15th, Up River
 15 Productions did its 10 year anniversary at the
 16 Bucks County Playhouse of the documentary
 17 Embraceable You. A documentary that took a look
 18 at the people of New Hope and how they embraced
 19 differences throughout their history.
 20 Ten years later, we took another look
 21 to see if we're still those people. And after
 22 interviewing quite a few people, we've come to
 23 the realization, happy conclusion that, yes, we
 24 are we. We still embrace differences and still
 25 welcome a variety of people in our community.

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1 projects.
 2 MS. McHUGH: Well, we got stalled
 3 because Governor Wolf put a kibosh on our
 4 ordinance, but we're still work on doing.
 5 STEVEN COPPENS: What was the
 6 ordinance?
 7 MS. McHUGH: We wanted to do a single
 8 use plastics band, but the Governor -- before we
 9 could approve it, Governor Wolf put something out
 10 that says that we have to take a year off before
 11 anything can be passed. So we're dealing with
 12 that timeline right now. And the kids took off
 13 two months during the summer, so we meet
 14 frequently at the high school.
 15 STEVEN COPPENS: Shame on the governor.
 16 MS. McHUGH: Well, there's a plastic
 17 manufacturing company in the middle of the state,
 18 so he has to look out for them too.
 19 MS. GERING: Any other public comments?
 20 One minute, Pam. There's someone right
 21 behind you too.
 22 PAMELA KERR: I wanted to invite
 23 everybody to 131 North Main Street to the Studio
 24 Sculpture Garden on Friday, at six o'clock if
 25 they want to say the unveiling and enlightening

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1 of the latest outdoor sculpture program
 2 installation.
 3 MS. GERING: All right.
 4 MARCY CONTI: Hello. I'm Marcy Conti,
 5 57 Buttonwood Street. I'm also a member of Safe
 6 Strolls, New Hope. I just had a question about
 7 the timeline for the 25 mile an hour speed
 8 reduction at Bridge. Is there an idea of when
 9 that will happen?
 10 MR. SANDER: We'll have to put that in
 11 ordinance form and we have to advertise it for
 12 consideration by council on November 19th. So
 13 that's when, if council --
 14 MARCY CONTI: So it's going to be quite
 15 a while?
 16 MR. SANDER: -- enacts it, that will be
 17 when it's passed and then the appropriate signage
 18 will be able to be erected after that.
 19 MARCY CONTI: But PennDOT has approved
 20 that then?
 21 MR. SANDER: Yes.
 22 MARCY CONTI: In terms of the letter
 23 that we've sent to you, helpfully we get support
 24 so we can work with PennDOT, as well as the
 25 council to look at other options to make

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1 pedestrian safety more important.
 2 MS. GERING: Thank you.
 3 What we'll do is, we'll have EJ scan
 4 the letter and send it to everybody on council so
 5 they can have a chance to review it and then well
 6 respond.
 7 MARCY CONTI: And do you have an idea
 8 of timing at all? It was a year ago --
 9 MS. GERING: For our next meeting.
 10 Any other public comments?
 11 All right. We have two announcements.
 12 PennDOT, as most of you know, has been working on
 13 Main Street and we're hoping it will be done by
 14 next week. We'll have pretty new streets in New
 15 Hope and then we're doing the leaf collection
 16 program, which is underway through December 4th.
 17 If you put your bags up there, public works will
 18 pick them up. They don't do Riverwoods, guys,
 19 we're private.
 20 And with that, can I have a motion to
 21 adjourn?
 22 MR. MEYER: So moved.
 23 MS. McHUGH: Second.
 24 MS. GERING: All in favor?
 25 COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye.

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1 MS. GERING: Thank you again,
 2 everybody.
 3 (Meeting concluded at 8:20 p.m.)
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