

MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of
the City Council of the City of Rye held in
City Hall on January 7, 1998 at 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

STEVEN OTIS, Mayor
CAROLYN C. CUNNINGHAM
ROBERTA DOWNING
ROBERT H. HUTCHINGS
ROSAMOND LARR
ARTHUR STAMPLEMAN
KATHLEEN E. WALSH
Councilmen

ABSENT: None

1. Roll Call

Mayor Otis called the meeting to order; a quorum was present to conduct official City business.

2. Mayor's Annual Message

Mayor Otis presented the Mayor's Annual Message:

"Today we begin a new year on the City Council, a continuation of good work for some of us, new roles for others, but a new beginning for us all, as we join together for a better Rye. Rye is a great community and it is our job to help maintain the good things about our town.

'But none of us would choose to serve on the City Council if we did not each feel there was work to be done, problems that need to be addressed, and areas where we could make life better.

'It has been the tradition in Rye for the Mayor to make a statement at the first meeting of the year. The focus of this year's Annual Message is to review some of the challenges we face together and initiatives, I hope, we will consider in addressing the concerns of Rye residents.

'The issue that residents bring to my attention, with by far the most frequency, is traffic safety. From concern for children around schools or in neighborhoods, to seniors crossing busy streets, traffic safety at the train station, speeding, pedestrian safety, and traffic volumes, every corner of this community has traffic concerns they want addressed.

'On our agenda today, we will discuss the creation of an entity to confront our traffic problems head on. The initial work plan I propose for this project is a public outreach effort to identify current traffic hot spots, to develop practical solutions, to improve safety, and to initiate a public education campaign to make local drivers more aware of the need for safe practices. I look forward to our discussion today as we begin, in our first meeting, to give this issue the urgency it deserves.

'High on our agenda is addressing the morale concerns of Rye City employees. Rye residents deeply appreciate the hard work of the men and women who work for the City of Rye. We need to be responsive to the concerns of the City staff and move forward.

'We must also show our appreciation for the volunteer efforts provided by the members of our City Boards, Commissions, and Committees. Their work is indispensable to Rye. I look forward to our working with all of these individuals and involving them in our City Council efforts.

'Another initiative that requires our attention is the completion of our project to update our master plan. Kathy Walsh, Paul Benowitz, and Fred Zepf have done much of the work to organize the issues for our comprehensive plan review. The next step is broader public and City Council involvement which focuses on airing issues in the master plan.

'To accomplish this, I will propose a small Task Force that includes additional City Council involvement as well as representation from experienced public members and current or former chairs of the Planning Commission.

'The issue of crime and crime awareness will continue to be a concern in 1998. We need to review our public safety services and make sure we are getting residents the information they need about crime prevention. We need to increase awareness of crimes when they occur.

'Providing information, keeping residents well informed, and working with our police department are the best ways we can prevent crime.

'RCTV has already reinvented itself a few times and I expect additional programming and the involvement of more residents will bring improved offerings in the future. We will all work together to improve this service.

'There is a continual need for us to find new and better ways of keeping Rye residents informed about city issues and the work of the City Council. Public participation depends upon the regular flow of information.

'Today we begin a new practice to help make more information available. Every Friday, the City Council receives a packet of information on City business. On the week before a Council meeting, this packet often has documents to be discussed at the following Wednesday City Council meeting.

'Starting at this meeting a viewing copy of that packet will be available to the public at the City Council meeting. Copies have always been available during business hours at the City Clerk's Office. We will now also make these packets available at the Library to broaden accessibility. In addition, we will have copies of key documents available for the audience at our meetings.

'This is just a small first step. In the upcoming weeks we will broaden the availability of City Council information through the press, RCTV, the internet, and other methods. We need the guidance and input of Rye residents. We will do all we can to increase the availability of information to make that possible.

'Activities at Playland warrant a review of our needs. We need to make sure the channels for complaint resolution exist and the protection of Rye's interests are met. To accomplish this I will propose that we set up a meeting of former members of the Playland Advisory Committee and residents near the park to assess the current situation.

'We need to address the needs of our Central Business District again. A number of residents have come forward to offer expertise on assisting local merchants. We need to bring the merchants together, sit down and see what we at City Hall can do to help and use the know-how of others in Rye to find solutions.

'The first step towards helping all local merchants is to ask Rye residents to, when possible, shop in Rye, use our local businesses, and show support for our stores in what is an increasingly competitive environment.

'In addition, we should explore the establishment of a Real Estate Advisory Committee to improve communication between our local real estate agents and the City government. We need to know if there are things we can do to assist the marketing of real estate, help make transactions easier, identify new problems when they crop up, and offer information from the City to the real estate community when needed.

'I have made some inquiries and the response has been positive. I propose we contact the firms to see if this would be useful to their work. I look forward to discussing this concept with the Council.

'We are prepared to move ahead on other fronts. I am eager to improve opportunities for inter-municipal planning with neighboring communities. We are ready to move forward with Harrison on the Beaver Swamp Brook project.

'We have begun discussions with Town of Rye officials about developing a capital plan for Rye Town Park and our Rye City Engineer and Building Inspector have walked the park as a first step towards such a plan.

'We have our own infrastructure needs here, sewer lines, fire houses, the police station, Whitby Castle, other facilities. We must be ready to address these projects. We must resolve the planning issues involving the Village Green. We will continue our opposition to Home Depot.

'I have not even touched on all the issues facing our community. We certainly have our work cut out for us. From fiscal responsibility to civic responsibility, we will be hard at work.

'What will make it easier is that we have a City Council prepared to work together, prepared to stay focused on issues and support every effort to make Rye even better.

'We will be asked to respond to new problems with dispatch and consider all decisions in a calm and reasoned process of deliberation.

'Let's listen to each other. Let's listen to what the Rye community has to say. If we do, our work will match the high expectations our friends and neighbors have set for us.'

3. Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

4. Residents may be heard who have matters to discuss that do not appear on the agenda

There were no residents who had matters to discuss that did not appear on the agenda.

5. Appointment of the Acting Mayor by the Mayor

Mayor Otis appointed Councilwoman Cunningham as Acting Mayor.

6. Appointment of the City Judge, by the Mayor with Council approval, for a six-year term

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham, to approve Mayor Otis' reappointment of the Honorable Peter Lane as City Judge for a six-year term expiring January 1, 2004.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Mayor Otis conducted the swearing-in ceremony of Judge Lane. Judge Lane thanked his family and friends for their support. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with many professional people of the City staff, as well as, the Rye Police Department and the Rye City Court.

7. Appointment of a Council Member as Trustee of the Police Pension Fund, by the Mayor with Council approval, for a one-year term

This agenda item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

8. Two appointments to the Board of Appeals for three-year terms, by the Mayor with Council

approval

Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham, to approve Mayor Otis' appointment of Mr. Anthony Piscionere and Ms. Judith Studebaker to the Board of Appeals for three-year terms expiring January 1, 2001.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

9. Designation of the Chairman of the Board of Appeals, by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Mr. Martin L. Edelman as chairman of the Board of Appeals.

10. One appointment to the Board of Architectural Review for a three-year term, by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to approve Mayor Otis' appointment of Mr. Nicholas Everett to the Board of Architectural Review for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2001.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

11. Designation of the Chairman of the Board of Architectural Review, by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Mr. Nicholas Everett as chairman of the Board of Architectural Review.

12. One appointment to the Board of Ethics for a three-year term and one appointment to fill the term ending January 1, 1999, by the Mayor with Council approval

This agenda item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

13. Three appointments to the Commission on Human Rights for three-year terms, by the Mayor

Councilwoman Downing made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to approve Mayor

Otis' appointment of Mrs. Nancy Steed to the Commission on Human Rights for a three-year term expiring January 1, 2001.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

The two remaining appointments will be made at a future Council meeting.

14. Designation of the Chairman of the Commission on Human Rights, by the Mayor

This agenda item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

15. Four appointments to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council for three-year terms, by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilwoman Larr made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham, to approve Mayor Otis' appointment of Mr. Edward J. Stein and Mr. Dennis Buckley to the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council for three-year terms expiring January 1, 2001, and Mr. Richard Horsman to fill the unexpired term ending January 1, 1999.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

16. Designation of the Chairman of the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council, by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Mr. C. Nicholas Hodnett as chairman of the Conservation Commission/Advisory Council.

17. One appointment to the Finance Committee to fill the term ending January 1, 1999, by the Mayor with Council approval

This agenda item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

18. Three appointments to the Landmarks Advisory Committee for three-year terms; one appointment to fill the term ending January 1, 1999; and one appointment to fill the term ending January 1, 2000, by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to approve Mayor Otis' appointment of Mrs. Joan Marshall Cresap, Mrs. Nancy Stampleman, and Mr. George Zahringer to the Landmarks Advisory Committee for three-year terms expiring January 1, 2001, the appointment of Ms. Diane Moran to a one-year term ending January 1, 1999, and the appointment of Mr. Russell C. Cecil to a two-year term ending January 1, 2000.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Councilman Stampleman

The motion carried.

19. Designation of the Chairman of the Landmarks Advisory Committee, by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Ms. Diane Moran as chairman of the Landmarks Advisory Committee.

20. Two appointments to the Planning Commission for three-year terms and designation of one Council Member for a two-year term, by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilwoman Walsh supported the Mayor's selection of the new members of the Planning Commission. She commended Mr. Richard Mecca and Mr. Patrick MacCarthy, the two outgoing members of the Planning Commission, for their very hard work in their service to this community. She said she will miss working with them and expressed the hope that Rye will have an opportunity to benefit from their service in other capacities.

Councilwoman Downing made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham, to approve Mayor Otis' appointment of Mr. Joseph P. Cox and Mr. Lawrence Lehman to the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring January 1, 2001.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Downing made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham, to approve Mayor Otis' reappointment of Councilwoman Walsh for a two-year term to the Planning Commission ending January 1, 2000.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, and Stampleman

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN Councilwoman Walsh

The motion carried.

21. Designation of the Chairman of the Planning Commission, by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Dr. Michael W. Klemens as chairman of the Planning Commission.

22. Four appointments to the Recreation Commission for three-year terms, by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilman Hutchings made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to approve Mayor Otis' appointment of Mrs. Florence A. Avesato, Mr. Mack Cunningham, Mr. Bart DiNardo, and Mr. Michael Gansfuss to the Recreation Commission for three-year terms expiring January 1, 2001.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

23. Designation of the Chairman of the Recreation Commission, by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Mr. Stephen Meyers as chairman of the Recreation Commission.

24. Designation of the Chairman of the Rye Cable Television Committee

Mayor Otis designated Mr. David White as chairman of the Rye Cable Television Committee.

25. One appointment to the Rye Town Park Commission for a two-year term by the City Council

This agenda item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

26. Designation of a Marriage Officer for a four-year term, by the Mayor with Council approval

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stampleman, to approve Mayor Otis' designation of Mrs. Mary Ann Ilse as Marriage Officer for a four-year term ending January 1, 2002.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

27. Designation of the City Historian

Mayor Otis designated Mr. Daniel J. Kelly as the City Historian.

28. Designation of a Senior Citizens' Advocate for a one-year term, by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Mrs. Anne Pastor as a Senior Citizens' Advocate for a one-year term.

29. Designation of the City Council's Audit Committee by the Mayor

Mayor Otis designated Councilmen Stampleman, Cunningham and Walsh as the City Council's Audit Committee.

30. Designation of the following City Council Liaisons by the Mayor:

Ambulance Corps
Board of Appeals
Board of Architectural Review
Boat Basin Commission
Commission on Human Rights
Conservation Commission/Advisory Council

Landmarks Advisory Committee
Recreation Commission
Rye Cable Television Committee
Rye-CARES Coordinator
Rye City School Board
Rye Free Reading Room
Rye Golf Club Commission
Whitby Castle Committee

This agenda item was deferred to a future Council meeting.

31. Designation of the days and time of regular meetings of the City Council

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Hutchings, to approve the designation of the days of regular meetings of the City Council, as follows:

January 7	May 13	October 7
January 21		October 21
February 4	June 17	November 4
February 18		November 9 (Special)
	July 15	November 18
March 4		
March 18	August 17 (Special)	December 2
	August 19	December 16
April 1		
April 15	September 9	
April 29		

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, and Walsh

NAYS: Councilman Stampleman

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Councilman Stampleman voted nay because the
, as proposed, is a change from past schedules and would cause him to be absent from two council meetings.

32. Designation of official City newspapers

Mayor Otis acknowledged the receipt of the January 7, 1998 memo from the City Manager responding to the Council's request for data on the City's official newspapers.

Councilman Hutchings expressed concern about the substantial amount of money the City expends on legal notices. He stated that the Sound Shore Review (SSR) has established a reputation as a good newspaper and seems to be doing quite well on coverage of the news within the community. He said he is quite impressed with their coverage of community events, as well as their increased circulation. He recommended designating the SSR as one of the official City newspapers. Councilwoman Larr agreed with his suggestion.

In response to an inquiry from Councilman Hutchings, Corporation Counsel Gardella explained that the official City newspaper must be a newspaper of general circulation which would meet the requirements of legal notices for the City.

Councilwoman Cunningham recommended staying with the status quo of having both the Gannett Suburban Newspaper and the Rye Chronicle as the official newspapers for this year and then to reassess this issue at a later date.

City Manager Culross added that designating a daily newspaper allows the City to meet certain deadlines for legal announcements.

A discussion focused on the following:

- Daily vs. weekly and monthly newspapers
- Audited vs. unaudited circulation figures provided by various newspapers
- Estimated cost to the City for designating official newspapers
- Performance of new local newspapers introduced into the community, such as the Sound Shore Review and the Rye Record
- The history of designating an alternate official City newspaper

Councilwoman Walsh said that the vote on the designation of official City newspaper is not about the validity, worth, merits, or the character of any of the newspapers. It is about what serves the City best in terms of the legal notices. She added that a daily newspaper would be sufficient for the City's purposes and that it would be a waste of taxpayers' money to do otherwise.

Mayor Otis also suggested staying with the status quo to maintain a level of stability. He expressed concern about the concept that this is a political issue or a sort of ping pong each year. He recommended reevaluating the other competing newspapers next year. Mayor Otis indicated that each of the newspapers covering the City provided different types of coverage and that the Rye Chronicle provided coverage for local not-for-profits.

Mr. Paul Hackett, 66 Milton Road, questioned the Rye Chronicle circulation figures and wondered why the Rye Chronicle has not been audited by the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

Dr. Michael Klemens, 9 Fenton Street, was amazed at the cost of legal notices and said it would be too costly a burden on the tax payers to designate two official newspapers. He suggested staying with the Gannett Suburban Newspaper coupled with RCTV and other media to disseminate

information to the public.

Mr. Robert Sorensen, president and publisher of the Sound Shore Review (SSR), stressed that the most important issue is readership. He informed the Council that SSR is committed to the Rye Community.

Ms. Annette Guarino, 24 Wappanocca, supported designating the Rye Chronicle as one of the City's official newspapers because it has served the community well for more than fifty years.

Councilman Stampleman commented that he was surprised to learn that \$10,000 is the cost of designating each official newspaper so a third would add another \$10,000.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Downing, to approve the designation of Gannett Suburban Newspaper as the official City of Rye newspaper.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None

ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Mayor Otis, to approve the designation of The Rye Chronicle as the official City of Rye newspaper.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, and Stampleman

NAYS:Councilmen Downing, Hutchings, Larr, and Walsh

ABSENT: None

The motion did not carry.

33. Designation of the amounts of faithful performance bonds:

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr, to approve the designation of the amounts of faithful performance bonds, as follows:

A.	City Comptroller	\$ 1,000,000
B.	City Clerk	\$ 500,000
C.	City Marshal	\$ 100,000

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mayor Otis, Councilmen Cunningham, Downing,
Hutchings, Larr, Stampleman, and Walsh

NAYS:None
ABSENT: None

The motion carried.

34. Discussion of the creation of a Transportation Commission

Mayor Otis opened the discussion on the establishment of a Transportation Commission similar to the one established by a 1990 City Council resolution. The Mayor said that the initial work plan of such a commission would be a public outreach effort to identify current traffic problem areas, to help develop possible solutions, and to initiate public safety information and education campaigns. Ultimately, this commission would settle into the same advisory role as the previous commission. The Mayor said this commission could either be a seven to nine member Commission or a small group of board members to broaden the involvement. Either could include some members of the previous Commission, representation from the school community, persons with background in this area and other interested individuals. He added that many residents have expressed concern with traffic safety in areas such as the train station and schools.

Councilwoman Cunningham expressed the opinion that the wording of the former resolution for the Transportation Commission would serve as the model for the creation of a new commission. However, she expressed concern about the Mayor's addition that one of the duties of the commission would be to receive referrals from the Planning Commission. This ought to be detailed more specifically so the members know whether to comment on traffic or transportation, she said.

Councilwoman Walsh was supportive of using the former resolution as a framework for the new commission. She endorsed a resolution that would encompass the Mayor's two elements of public input and education. She expressed the feeling that the commission focus more on traffic safety because transportation planning in the broader sense is the responsibility of the Planning Commission and, in terms of the Master Plan, is ultimately the responsibility of the Council.

In response to an inquiry from Mayor Otis, Corporation Counsel Gardella explained the procedure for adopting a local law.

The consensus of the Council was to draft a proposed local law, gather feedback from various sources, and then set a public hearing regarding this matter.

35. Consideration of request of the New York State Department of Public Service to use the City Council Chambers on February 10, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on February 11, 1998 from 9:00 to 5:00 p.m., and on February 9, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Councilman Stampleman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Larr and unanimously carried, to approve the request of the New York State Department of Public Service to use the City

Council Chambers on February 9, 1998 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., on February 10, 1998 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., and on February 11, 1998 from 9:00 to 5:00 P.M.

36. Draft unapproved minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held December 17, 1997

Councilwoman Walsh made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held December 17, 1997, as amended.

37. Miscellaneous communications and reports

A. Councilwoman Walsh reported that a City Officials' Workshop, sponsored by NYCOM, will be held on January 24, 1998 in Albany. She said the workshop she attended was enormously helpful and encouraged the new members of the Council to attend.

B. Councilwoman Walsh informed the City Manager that the most recent NYCOM Bulletin had a notice of grant awards for municipal publications in certain categories. She expressed the feeling that the City of Rye's publications clearly meet the criteria for receiving such awards.

C. Councilwoman Cunningham asked that the late Mr. Max Berking, a long-time Rye resident and State Senator, be added to the list of Rye notables on the roster of names for new streets in the City. Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stampleman and unanimously carried, that the sense of the Council is to add Mr. Max Berking's name to the list of new street names. City Manager Culross will submit the list and procedure for selecting street names to the City Council.

D. Councilwoman Cunningham suggested that the Council adopt a resolution to thank the organizers of the 1997 First Night Celebration and City staff for all their efforts in producing a very successful community event. Councilman Stampleman recommended that the First Night organizers give a presentation at a Council meeting. Councilwoman Larr suggested that Councilwoman Downing add this topic to her upcoming *Eye on Rye* program. Mayor Otis asked that a resolution be drafted for consideration at the next Council meeting.

E. Councilman Stampleman acknowledged the announcement in the January 9, 1998 NYCOM Bulletin about Financial Assistance of Business (FAB) Workshops. City Manager informed the Council that the City will participate in this workshop.

F. Councilman Stampleman inquired about the public notice on the Proposed High Point Village Subdivision. Councilwoman Cunningham reported that the High Point Village Subdivision in Rye Brook would not have any effect on flooding downstream in Rye. Councilwoman Walsh said the City of Rye is an involved agency in this project. She said this is a good example of intermunicipal cooperation.

G. Councilman Stampleman acknowledged the receipt of the resolution to urge the EPA to reassess Hudson River PCBs and evaluate potential remedial actions from the Village of Croton-on-

Hudson.

H. In response to Councilman Stampleman's inquiry regarding the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting, Councilwoman Walsh reported on the Playland Market project, Rye Country Day School's informal review to discuss its master plan expansion and on-site outside lighting in the parking lot of a Doctor's Office.

I. Mayor Otis clarified for Councilman Stampleman that there are no building changes being made at The Sound Federal Savings and Loan Association in Harrison. However, several entrances are being reconfigured.

J. Councilman Stampleman submitted a checklist of campaign issues and questions. Mayor Otis proposed that the Council develop a status report of current issues and encouraged the other members of the Council to add to Councilman Stampleman's list.

38. New Business

A. Mayor Otis will draft a letter to send to real estate firms in Rye for their feedback on the proposed establishment of a Real Estate Advisory Committee.

B. Mayor Otis informed the Council that Mr. Richard Mecca has agreed to serve on the Master Plan Task Force when it is created. He suggested that the Council members submit names of other residents who are experienced in this area and who might be interested in participating on this Task Force. Councilwoman Walsh stressed that everyone involved in the Task Force should receive a survey packet.

39. Adjournment

Councilwoman Cunningham made a motion, seconded by Councilman Stampleman and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice K. Conrad
City Clerk