

Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
of the Board of Trustees of the  
Village of Larchmont, New York,  
held on **TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Joshua L. Mandell  
Trustees Anne H. McAndrews  
Marlene Kolbert  
Richard Ward  
Jaine Elkind Eney

**Also Present:** Deputy Clerk Riley, Attorney Staudt, Treasurer Brucciani

Mayor Mandell called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and welcomed all in attendance.

The Mayor reminded everyone that today is Election Day and encouraged all to vote.

Mayor Mandell next spoke of the disaster that has befallen the people of Japan due to the earthquake and tsunami that struck last week. He said that he has had conversations with local merchants about possible fundraisers to aid the Japanese people.

Mayor's  
Announcements

The Mayor then extended condolences to the family of David Sayles, a retired Village firefighter, on his passing.

Mayor Mandell made the following announcements:

1. The Committee on the Arts and the Library will present *The Muppet Movie* on April 16 at 2:30 PM. Caregivers must attend with children. The movies are free and no registration is required.
2. March is American Red Cross Month and they are asking for volunteers, donations, and blood, or for people to take a class. All who are interested should visit [www.westchestercounty.redcross.org](http://www.westchestercounty.redcross.org) for information.
3. Preliminary Budget Public Hearings will be held on April 4 and April 25, at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible. The Board expects to adopt the budget on April 25.
4. Flint Park Day Camp Registration will be held on March 25 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM and March 26 from 10:30 AM to noon at the Flint Park Playhouse. The camp will once again be able to accept children entering grades 1-6 in the fall. This year's fees will be: \$580 for the 9 AM -1 PM session and \$870 for 9 AM -3 PM session.
5. There were ribbon cutting ceremonies for three new stores in the Village recently. The stores are the Larchmont Bicycle Shop, Vintage 1891 Wine Bar, and Stephanie's Klostet. Mayor Mandell encouraged everyone to support local businesses.
6. LMC-TV classes are being offered on Thursdays beginning March 17. The class "Final Cut Pro" will be offered from 12:00 to 2:00 PM, and the class "Field Production" will be offered from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Classes are from 5-6 weeks at Studio 2, 145 Library Lane. Anyone interested, can e-mail [dschumacher@lmc-tv.org](mailto:dschumacher@lmc-tv.org). Space is limited.

7. The next Board meeting will be the Reorganization Meeting on April 4. New Trustees will be sworn in that evening, and committee liaison appointments will be made that evening as well.

Mayor Mandell next welcomed Carol Miller from the Traffic Commission to discuss the Commission's decision to return the two-hour on-street parking time limit in the business district back to the original one hour.

The Mayor said the Traffic Commission increased the time limit in the business district temporarily, at the request of the Chamber of Commerce. The increased time was to help local store owners during, what was at that time, the economic downturn. After several extensions, the Traffic Commission is seeking the Board's opinion on whether the two- hour limit should be made permanent.

**T**raffic Commission  
**R**eturn of One Hour  
**P**arking Limit in  
**B**usiness District

Ms. Miller stated in the nearly two years since the added time limit was put in effect, the Traffic Commission has not heard overwhelming support for making it permanent. The Commission has been given the impression to the contrary that many favor a return to the one-hour limit.

Mayor Mandell said the goal should be to make shopping accessible to the impulse buyer and, with a frequent turnover rate, accessibility can be accomplished. Many issues have been with merchants who park in front of their stores. These merchants favor the two-hour limit because they would not have to move their vehicle as often as they would with the one- hour limit.

Trustee Ward said that the Village business districts consists of stores that few people would spend long periods of time shopping in. The ability for someone to get a parking space quickly and get a newspaper or have lunch is what attracts many to the Village. The one hour limit would be more prudent to help local stores to thrive. With both shopping areas within a five minute walking distance of each other, those who wish to stay longer can find parking with longer time limits and not have far to go.

Both Trustee Kolbert and Ms. Miller added that there are parking time limit signs around the Village, but there is a need for uniformity since people get confused by the different rules and signs. There may also be revenue concerns to be considered.

On the motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee Ward, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes from the November 22, 2010, December 13, 2010, February 2, 2011 and February 7, 2011, meetings.

**T**rustee Reports

Trustee Eney made the following report:

1. Flint Park Day Camp registration will be held at the Flint Park Playhouse on March 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and on March 26, from 10:30 AM to noon.
2. The recreation brochure will not be mailed to residents this year. It can be accessed on the Village's website, [www.villageoflarchmont.org](http://www.villageoflarchmont.org).

Trustee Kolbert made the following report:

1. On April 3 at the Library, Jim Millstein, formerly with the U.S. Treasury Department, will speak on the “Great Panic of 2008”.
2. The Environmental Committees of the Village of Larchmont, Town of Mamaroneck, and Village of Mamaroneck, along with SEPTA from the Mamaroneck School District, will sponsor a program at the Hommocks Middle School on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM. The topic is “The Effects of Environmental Toxins on Our Children’s Health.”
3. Judge Judith Kaye will be the guest speaker on March 28<sup>th</sup> at League of Women Voters’ function at the Davenport Club.
4. Earth Day is in April. Anyone with ideas for Earth Day should contact Trustee Kolbert.
5. Anyone interested in having a tree planted in front of their home should call Village Hall.
6. A program that started a year ago “Weed Our Park” will be continued this year. The program asks volunteers to “Adopt-a-Park” and remove the weeds. This helps the Village to remain pesticide-free.

Mayor Mandell next spoke about Trustees McAndrews and Ward, whose terms of service on the Board are coming to an end. Though being a Trustee is a voluntary position, he said it is as time consuming as a paid job and is taken just as serious. The Mayor added that those who volunteer have a love and dedication to serving their community. He said Trustees McAndrews and Ward have proven their affection for Larchmont.

Commendations to  
retiring Trustees  
McAndrews, A.  
Ward, R.

Mayor Mandell next read a proclamation that highlighted Trustee Ward’s accomplishments during his tenure as a Board member and declared March 17, 2011, as “Richard Ward Day” in the Village. The Mayor then presented it to him and thanked him for his service to the Village.

Trustee Ward thanked current and past Board members he has served with, adding it has been an honor and pleasure. He then thanked Phyllis Wittner and Marian White for encouraging him in 1996 to become more involved in the community. Trustee Ward also extended his gratitude to George Latimer for always being available for counsel and advice. He ended by thanking his wife and children for their sacrifices which allowed him to be able to dedicate his energy to the Village.

Trustee Kolbert said that Trustee Ward’s profession allows him to travel to many places around the world. He used that world knowledge and experience while on the Board. The fact there are more and more bicycles in racks at the train station every day is proof of his handiwork. Trustee Ward has always had an interest in the Larchmont Reservoir, believing it to be a special place amid an urban landscape.

Trustee Kolbert then presented Trustee Ward with a framed picture of Goodliffe Pond at the Larchmont Reservoir done by photographer Jeffrey Friedman.

Trustee Eney thanked Trustee Ward for his guidance when she first joined the Board and for his ability to think “out of the box”.

Mayor Mandell next read a proclamation for Trustee McAndrews that chronicled her long participation in public service to the Village of Larchmont. The document declared March 16, 2011, as “Anne McAndrews Day” throughout Larchmont. Afterwards the Mayor gave Trustee McAndrews her proclamation, along with the gratitude of the entire community.

Trustee McAndrews recalled a visit she received in 1999 by Trustee Kolbert and former Mayor Miriam Curnin, to encourage her to run for Trustee. The opportunity to serve the Village was intriguing, though it was an unknown area she was entering. Trustee McAndrews added that during her time on the Board, she has served with, four Mayors, six Trustees, two Treasurers, one Clerk, two Engineers, three Police Chiefs and many Fire Chiefs.

Trustee McAndrews thanked her husband, John and her children for understanding that when the den floor was covered with papers, there must be a Board meeting soon. She extended her thanks to Mayor Mandell, Trustees Kolbert, Ward, Eney and the Village staff. Trustee McAndrews also added her best wishes to newly-elected Trustees Walsh and Komar.

Mayor Mandell commented that he hopes Trustee McAndrews stays near to Village Hall because the Board has relied on her wealth of facts and information.

Trustee Kolbert said her relationship with Trustee McAndrews began before they were members of the Board. It stems back to their days with the League of Women Voters and the Mamaroneck School Board. She said Trustee McAndrews’ presence will be missed on the Board and hopes she will be around to give advice when it is needed.

Trustee Kolbert presented Trustee McAndrews with two gifts - a picture of the Village’s “Neptune” logo and a framed photo of Village Hall, circa 1926. Trustee Kolbert thanked Lynne Crowley of the Larchmont Historical Society, for her help in getting the “Neptune” logo picture.

Trustee Eney thanked Trustee McAndrews for encouraging her to get her involved in local government. She recalled a trip to Pennsylvania that she made with Trustee McAndrews. While walking down the streets, Trustee McAndrews began talking about the sidewalks; pointing out the ones similar to Larchmont’s and the ones the Village should not consider. Trustee Eney said Larchmont was never far from Trustee McAndrews’ mind.

On the motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, it was:

**RESOLVED**, to approve Abstract Audit Voucher No. 12, dated March 15, 2011, in the amount of \$119,595.07, per copies filed with the Clerk, subject to confirmation and approval by Trustee Eney.

On the motion of Trustee Ward, seconded by Trustee Eney, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 7:50 PM, to await the results of today’s Village Election.

Upon reconvening at 9:58 PM, the Mayor read the unofficial Election results as follows:

Election Results –  
3/15/11

<u>For Trustee</u>	Lorraine Walsh	60 Votes
	John Komar	59 Votes
<u>For Village Justice</u>	Jerry Bernstein	59 Votes

Mayor Mandell congratulated Trustees-Elect Walsh and Komar on their election and Judge Jerry Bernstein on his re-election.

Judge Bernstein congratulated Trustees-Elect Walsh and Komar as well. He said it is an honor to be elected to his fifth term as Village Justice. The sixteen years he has been one of the two Village Justices have gone by “in the blink of an eye.” Judge Bernstein thanked everyone and is looking forward to continuing to serve Larchmont.

Trustee-Elect Komar said it was an honor to be elected and is looking forward to serving and helping any way he can. He added that going into the voting booth and seeing his name on the ballot was a great feeling.

Trustee-Elect Walsh said when she went to vote this morning, she was the first voter in her district. The election inspector told her she should ‘get a prize for being first’. She replied “I am getting a prize. I’m the candidate”! She added she is looking forward to serving with Trustee-Elect Komar and the rest of Board.

Former Mayor Miriam Curnin next spoke. She congratulated the newly elected Trustees and thanked Trustees McAndrews and Ward for their service to the Village.

State Assemblyman George Latimer and County Legislator Judy Myers were asked to address the audience. Legislator Myers congratulated Trustees-Elect Walsh and Komar and told them it will be a remarkable experience representing the public. She then spoke of Trustees McAndrews and Ward and their remarkable commitment to public service. She presented Trustee McAndrews with a certificate from the New York State Assembly.

Assemblyman Latimer congratulated Judge Bernstein and Trustees-Elect Walsh and Komar. He commended Trustees McAndrews and Ward for performing their service to the Village with honor and integrity. He added what they have done was to make Larchmont a “hometown” for the people living here. Trustee Ward then received a certificate from the New York State Assembly from Assemblyman Latimer.

Mayor Mandell thanked Assemblyman Latimer for making it to the meeting. He traveled from Albany to Larchmont this evening in order to attend.

Trustee McAndrews then read a poem for the new Trustees, which said, “If you can keep your head, when all about you are losing theirs and blaming it on you, then you my friend have become a locally elected public official.”

Trustee Ward congratulated the Trustees-Elect for their willingness to serve and to commit the time, energy, and effort to the Village.

Trustee Kolbert thanked Village Clerk Eileen Finn for her work on this year’s election because of the difficulty with getting the voting machines.

Mayor Mandell and Trustee Kolbert also thanked Assemblyman Latimer for all his efforts in assisting the Village in getting the lever machines for this year's voting.

On motion of Trustee Eney, seconded by Trustee McAndrews, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.