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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES
PRESIDING OFFICER

RECONVENED OCTOBER 19, 2016
LEGISLATIVE SESSION

County Executive and Legislative Building
1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Wednesday, December 14, 2016
5:01 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4 LEGISLATOR NORMA L. GONSALVES

5 Presiding Officer

6 13th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

9 Deputy Presiding Officer

10 9th Legislative District

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12 LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

13 Alternate Presiding Officer

14 7th Legislative District

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16 LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

17 Minority Leader

18 1st Legislative District

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20 LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

21 2nd Legislative District

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23 LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

24 3rd Legislative District

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2 LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

3 4th Legislative District

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5 LEGISLATOR LAURA CURRAN

6 5th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

9 6th Legislative District

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11 LEGISLATOR VINCENT T. MUSCARELLA

12 8th Legislative District

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14 LEGISLATOR ELLEN BIRNBAUM

15 10th Legislative District

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17 LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

18 11th Legislative District

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20 LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

21 12th Legislative District

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23 LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

24 14th Legislative District

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2 LEGISLATOR DENNIS DUNNE, SR.

3 15th Legislative District

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5 LEGISLATOR JUDY JACOBS

6 16th Legislative District

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8 LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER

9 17th Legislative District

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11 LEGISLATOR DONALD MACKENZIE

12 18th Legislative District

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14 LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

15 19th Legislative District

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17 MICHAEL PULITZER

18 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Here we
3 go. Now we are at this point in time
4 reconvening the October 19th meeting and there
5 is a hearing which was item 21 Resolution
6 171. Resolution consenting to the acquisition
7 and use by the Roman Catholic Diocese of
8 Rockville Centre, New York d/b/a Queen of
9 Peace Cemetery, of certain land for cementary
10 purposes.

11 I believe at this point in time we
12 need to reconvene the hearing. Motion to
13 reconvene. Moved by Legislator Dunne. Second
14 by Legislator Muscarella.

15 All those in favor? Any opposed?

16 Any comments or questions regarding
17 this item? Legislator Bynoe ask your
18 questions.

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you
20 Presiding Officer. I just have a question
21 regarding whether there were any public
22 sentiments shared by the Westbury School Board
23 or its administration regarding the location
24 of this cemetery.

25 MR. JONES: Nathan Jones from

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2 Forchelli, Curto representing the diocese.

3 I'm not aware of any commentary by the school
4 district in response to this.

5 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: There was an
6 opportunity for them to come to a hearing or
7 they were noticed?

8 MR. JONES: The village held a
9 hearing on November 21st for the final
10 approval for the site plan and amended special
11 use permit. The only commentary received by
12 the public in that instance was a resident who
13 lives immediately north of the proposed
14 cemetery plot. They are the only public
15 commentary received at the hearing to my
16 knowledge.

17 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So the access
18 for this cemetery is going to be off of
19 Hitchcock Lane?

20 MR. JONES: The current access is
21 off of Jericho Turnpike.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Is going to be
23 directly off of Jericho Turnpike?

24 MR. JONES: Correct. I believe
25 there's an exit only on Hitchcock.

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2 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: No. Hitchcock
3 is two way.

4 MR. JONES: From the cemetery
5 it's an exit only left turn.

6 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: There will be
7 an exit only left turn so that you have to
8 come back out to Jericho Turnpike?

9 MR. JONES: Correct.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Because the
11 high school is right there and it does have a
12 considerable amount of bus traffic and also
13 walkers, people that walk to school. So I'm
14 just a little bit concerned about some of the
15 traffic there. But the school district had to
16 be noticed because they're a neighbor,
17 correct?

18 MR. JONES: Yes. That's my
19 understanding. They are immediately adjacent
20 to the plot, right.

21 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And you have no
22 record of any complaints or concerns that they
23 have.

24 MR. JONES: No concerns raised by
25 the school.

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2 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Legislator
3 Muscarella.

4 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: It's my
5 understanding that there were extensive
6 negotiations between the diocese and the
7 village of Westbury concerning this property,
8 correct?

9 MR. JONES: Yes.

10 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Those
11 included the ingress and the egress and where
12 things were going to be situated and the
13 heights of buildings and things and all that
14 has been resolved to both the satisfaction of
15 both the village and the diocese, correct?

16 MR. JONES: Yes.

17 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Any other
18 comments from the legislators? Legislator
19 Schaefer.

20 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: I know this
21 has been going on for a long time. And
22 they're happy it's finally coming to fruition
23 now. But my understanding was it's been going
24 on for a long time and there was certainly
25 opportunity for people to oppose or come out

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2 and speak their minds if they wanted to.

3 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

4 Listen, I'm a former school board member for
5 that district, I'm a former student of that
6 district and I used to walk to that high
7 school. I just feel a responsibility to ask
8 those questions on the record. Thank you.

9 LEGISLATOR GONSALVES: Any public
10 comment regarding this item? There being
11 none, a motion to close the hearing. Moved by
12 Legislator Dunne. Second by Legislator
13 Schaefer. All those in favor of closing the
14 hearing signify by saying aye. Any opposed?

15 Now for the item itself, which is
16 item 21, resolution 171, A resolution
17 consenting to the acquisition and use by the
18 Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre New
19 York d/b/a Queen of Peace Cemetary of certain
20 land for cemetary purposes.

21 Motion please. Moved by Legislator
22 Schaefer. Second by Legislator Dunne. Any
23 further comments from the legislators? Any
24 public comment? There being none, all those
25 in favor of item 21 Resolution 171 signify by

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2 saying aye. Any opposed? The item passes
3 unanimously.

4 Now guess what? This was the only
5 item on the October 19th calendar. And now a
6 motion -- Mr. Dunne you're pretty good at this
7 -- motion to adjourn. Moved by Legislator
8 Dunne. Second by Legislator Walker. All
9 those in favor of adjourning the October 19th
10 legislative meeting signify by saying aye.
11 Any opposed? That October 19th meeting is put
12 to bed. Thank you very much.

13 (Meeting was adjourned at 5:09
14 P.M.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary
Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby certify:

THAT the foregoing is a true and
accurate transcript of my stenographic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand this 27th day of
December 2016

FRANK GRAY