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Hi All,

Mon Dec 18, 2006 3:17 pm

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Last Thursday night as usual I attended a regular Town Board meeting. The agenda was jam packed but as always the meeting was beautifully choreographed until the 'New Business' portion.

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There were a few highlights- my particular favorite was Councilwoman Mitts throwing Planning Board Secretary, Laurie Fricchione, under the bus. According to Ms. Mitts, Ms. Fricchione delivers only a hard copy of PB minutes to Town Hall and apparently not in a very timely fashion. While I've had more than a few differences with Ms. Fricchione she is nothing if not efficient and I find it almost impossible to believe that A) She doesn't e-mail PB minutes as well and B) They aren't available within the two weeks allowed.

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Other lowlights included Town Clerk Mazzei's 'excuse de jour' on why there is no timetable as far as 'electronic FOILING' is concerned. And, under 'New Business' the assertion that a restaurant, that hasn't even opened, will cater to 'illegal aliens'. I'm wondering if this means that you can't get in should you have a green card or actually possess a US passport- and will management be checking ID at the door?.... While no one in SE seems to want a strip club in their midst (no surprises there) the 'illegal aliens only' claim seemed a bit over the top to me.

Oh, and alert the media... apparently I owe Town Clerk Mazzei an apology. According to both Councilman Johnson and Councilwoman Mitts on the night of the Budget Public Hearing Mr. Johnson gave the exact sum that the Refuse Line would end up. Unfortunately neither I nor others I sat with heard this exchange and while I'm surprised that the final figure of \$1,531,476 was so readily available when we were discussing **only** the preliminary budget and while there is **no** tape of this meeting available I stand corrected. I hope that Ms. Mazzei will accept this apology- interestingly Supervisor Dunford stayed out of the entire mess and fortunately no one's pants or skirt spontaneously combusted.

By the way, in more complete garbage (under New Business) check out what the administrative costs are on our Refuse District-

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