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Nice summary of the motion and discussion. It will be interesting to see what appears in the paper.

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Bridget,

I noticed that you had left before the Reports and Future Items on the agenda. Under Future Items, Trustee Eckman made a motion to place on the Jan 5 agenda consideration of creation of an ad hoc committee (which she volunteered to chair) to review and make recommendations regarding the ordinances that regulate internal governance of the Village Board and the preparation of orientation materials for new Trustees. She did this, she explained, because she had requested at each of the two prior meetings that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, but it did not so appear. Trustee Langenkamp seconded the motion and expressed strong concern that Trustee Eckman's request had been ignored, stating this to be a "first" in her six years of experience on the Board. President Kohlenberg stated that it was his view that the subject would be included as part of the long range planning process that the Board was scheduled to take up in late January, and that is why he did not place it on the agenda. Trustee Eckman responded that his view might well be part of the discussion of the item once it was placed on the agenda, but should not function as a unilateral basis for exclusion from the agenda and discussion in the first place. It also appeared that President Kohlenberg's justification had not previously been communicated to Trustee Eckman as a matter of courtesy. After some discussion (most of which was more germane to the ultimate question than to the motion to place on the agenda), the motion was approved and the item is scheduled for the Jan 5 agenda.

Rod Dow

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