

**Nassau County-LIPA E.F. BARRETT SETTLEMENT  
ISLAND PARK COMMUNITY MEETING**

January 15, 2020

Lincoln Orens Middle School

Minutes from Question and Answer Period

**Q1. Mr. Schurin resident of Harbor Isle, Island Park**

Mr. Schurin stated he was very surprised that no one mentioned the pending lawsuit that was brought on behalf of the school district and others regarding LIPA's legal obligations which is still pending and that a decision has not been issued. Mr. Schurin stated that the community has put up with power plant all these years and has received extra money as a result. He stated that there is a broken social contract. He stated that the Barrett plant is the most polluting on long island. The community has put up with it for years and the community accepted that and the bargain was a reduction in taxes. He stated that the contract was violated. He stated that the County Executive negotiated a very poor agreement for Island Park. He stated that LIPA offered numerous benefits to other host communities, [e.g., Yaphank where Caithness is located], such as a community center, special project funds, scholarships to students, emissions monitoring reports to the school district, residential energy affordability, etc. He wanted to know why the County did not demand anything in return [for Island Park]. He stated we have our taxes going up. He also stated that the school district spent money on litigation that is still pending. He stated that there is no reason to settle this case. If the case is lost, you can appeal it. He stated that LIPA has the responsibility to us they work for us.

**A1. Tim Falcone, CEO LIPA**

Mr. Falcone stated that the judgement would be the same as the Suffolk case. He also stated that the other issue was the issue of Caithness. That Barrett's tax bill is 43 million dollars and Caithness' tax bill is 10 million dollars – one-quarter of the tax bill. He stated that both produce the same amount of energy and that Caithness costs less to operate. He also stated that as far as benefits – Island Park gets around four times the amount of money.

**Q2. Stu Klein, resident Island Park**

Mr. Klein stated that he is certain that the people on the podium do not have any real sense or understanding about what the Island Park community has been through in the last 6 years regarding the impact of Irene and the destruction caused by Sandy. He stated that during that time of reconstruction, the County charged the full amount of taxes to hundreds of residents who were not able to live in their homes. He stated the County, after several years, did provide minor restoration regarding taxes. He stated that the County assessment program is a disgrace and that no one in the room has any respect regarding Nassau County's ability to manage its fiscal situation. He stated that the proposal that was presented doesn't appear to be a proposal but a fait accompli. He had two questions for the panel. He stated that after looking at the slideshow, that the tax burden that everyone is going to be paying over the next 7 years is about ten thousand dollars. He stated that he has no sense of conviction going forward what the tax payer's burden is going to be other than the statement that was made that there may be a renegotiated settlement. He stated that this puts the entire community in an exposed situation. He stated how it places Island Park's budget in jeopardy regarding the village and the school district's expenditures going forward for the next 7 plus years. He also stated that the impact that would be felt by the community's ability to attract new residents and, also, about the community's ability to keep the older residents especially the seniors from leaving. He then concluded his statement.

## **A2. Helena Williams – Nassau County Chief Deputy County Executive**

Ms. Williams stated that we are very interested in working with the community advisory board we invite you to be a member of the board.

Response: Mr. Klein stated that his days of volunteerism are over in New York.

## **Q3. Anthony D’Esposito, Councilman**

Welcome to Island Park home to hard working middle class residents who love their school and their community.

Mr. D’Esposito stated that there were points that are not in the slideshow that were presented to the County legislature, community and other elected officials, such as that this settlement also deals with Glenwood Landing. Barrett operates at about 25% of capacity and Glenwood Landing operates at about 1%. Mr. D’Esposito questioned why is Island Park being treated the same as Glenwood Landing when the power plants’ production are very different. He stated that there is a better 7 year PILOT option and that the revenue to Island Park has to be increased so that there is less of a burden to the taxpayers. He stated that this settlement is anything but fair. The Island Park Community deserves better.

## **Q4. Ron Bauer – IBW Local 1049**

Mr. Bauer stated that he represents about 4,000 members on Long Island. He said 500 plus that actually work in these plants and that he has an excellent relationship with LIPA. They live in your town Island Park, Oceanside, etc. He said I am speaking about the other 98 percent that are paying that offset. He said I understand your position on the whole 1.1 million customers in order to sustain - I feel that this tax is fair. I think it is reasonable - unintelligible crowd yelling

## **Q5. Roger Clayman - Executive Director of Long Island Federation of Labor**

Mr. Clayman stated that he lives in Port Jefferson. He said he has concern and sympathy for Island Park. He said the LI Federation of Labor represents over 250,000 members across long island, teachers, public sector workers, etc. He said they believe that the settlement reached is a good settlement - unintelligible crowd yelling – He said we understand that public workers would be put in great jeopardy by a settlement with the courts and it would cost a tremendous amount of back payments to the communities. He said the union members are concerned because they are very much involved in the transition to renewable energy. He said they have a workforce in these power plants that needs to be protected so they believe that this settlement is protecting that workforce and they would be transitioning in a number of years and until that comes – unintelligible – crowd yelling.

## **Q6. Helena Flabergeist (spelling ?) – Barnum Isle**

Ms. Flabergeist stated that she lives in Barnum Isle for the past 15 years and her school taxes grew about 30%. She stated that her understanding is that taxes will skyrocket. She stated the question is what has the Island Park School District done. She stated what’s so drastically changed that taxes have grown so rapidly? What has the Island Park School District done to keep this up? She stated, one more comment, New York City has 1,700 schools with 1 superintendent who is in charge of 1,700 schools. She stated why do we, with 2 schools have a superintendent, who I know is extremely handsomely getting paid, with a nice cabinet of equally handsomely paid people. She stated why do we need this tax burden on top of what we already have and on top of what’s coming to us that is the question.

### **Q7. John Arden, Harbor Isle Island Park**

Mr. Arden stated that he had just one question for the CEO of LIPA something I don't understand. He stated he did up the numbers before coming here and LIPA's taxes are going down by 50%. He stated that the contribution of LIPA's taxes to the IPSD goes from 16 million dollars to 8 million dollars that comes out of our pocket while our taxes go up by 50%. He stated we saw this across America, we see this in the news. He said I just have a question directed to the CEO of LIPA; how do feel about working on something to get your taxes at the company down by 50% while all of us have to pay 50% more?

### **A7. Mr. Falcone, CEO LIPA**

Mr. Falcone stated I understand it is a very significant additional contribution from the Island Park community. LIPA represents all 1.1 million customers and we have a duty to everyone to ensure that we operate in a viable manner.

### **Q8. Mr. Arden**

Mr. Arden stated you've said that a few times, I read how you value the power plants and how much energy we produce at capacity. He said you bought our plant based on a certain size of the property - certain capacity potential good for the community - we are at 25% of our potential and this should still give the community a huge tax break. He stated it's [the Agreement] not right.

### **A.8. Mr. Falcone, CEO LIPA**

Mr. Falcone stated its value is based on the tax law and the way that the tax law computes the value of the power plant is on this chart here so it starts with what it would cost to build a brand new power plant that's referred to as reproduction cost. He stated we hired an engineering firm and then the tax bill is adjusted for something called depreciation which means that let's say you bought.

### **Mr. Arden**

Mr. Arden stated the question is how does it feel negotiating something when you're tax rate goes down by about 50% and ours go up by 50%. Can you answer the question?

### **Mr. Falcone, CEO LIPA**

Mr. Falcone stated yes, I started to answer that question so the issue is depreciation the plant is now 60 years old how long does the plant last for you - don't get very much left and that's how the property is valued. To your first question –

### **Mr. Arden**

Mr. Arden stated that the question is how does it feel negotiating something when your tax rate goes down by about 50% and others' goes up by 50%. Can you answer the question?

### **Mr. Falcone, CEO LIPA**

Mr. Falcone stated that LIPA's responsibility is to all 3 million people who live on Long Island, and if you were sent a bill that was 10 times too high, we have a responsibility to seek fairness. What we have attempted to do is to keep it in a sustainable manner. The plant is aging at 60 years old and is producing less and less power every year. It cannot afford the tax burden it currently has. So instead what we are going to seek to do is to

phase in something that we would still pay roughly 10 times. We are going to pay around 5 times the tax bill in 2027 and yet the plant will not be viable. It will be painful for the Island Park community. I understand that, but this is not a situation where anyone can come out a winner. Mr. Falcone stated that he would answer the questions brought up about Caithness. We did build a new plant there in Yaphank. The plant produces the same energy as Barrett and the tax bill is approximately one quarter of the Barrett plant. At the end of the settlement, Barrett - a plant that would be close to 70 years old - will receive twice the taxes as the new Caithness power plant.

### **Q.9 Dean Bacigalupo – resident Island Park - Trustee Island Park Library**

Dr. Bacigalupo stated, “I am standing here tonight to represent people that couldn’t be here. We have a number of seniors that were not able to come out tonight. I am a trustee of the Island Park Public Library. We run many programs for our seniors. For many seniors who don’t have the funds to go elsewhere, the library is the place that they come out to see each other, to exercise their minds and their bodies. Throughout your whole presentation tonight, I saw you provide numbers for school districts, etc. I feel like the library is overlooked. We sent over 1,000 letters to LIPA, people on the board and Ms. Curran [Nassau County Executive] asking what the impact of the settlement will have on the IP public library. I would like to be able to tell the seniors that the library will be open and will continue to welcome them. I fear that I might have to tell them that we need to cut programs.

### **A.9 Mr. Falcone, CEO LIPA**

Mr. Falcone stated I don’t have the numbers for the library.

### **Dean Bacigalupo**

Mr. Bacigalupo stated, “I know you don’t. No one phone call not one response. I’ll be more than happy to sit down and talk to you. Thank you for being here this evening.”

### **Q.10 Selena Castrovilla, Harbor Isle**

Ms. Castrovilla stated, “I know that the other lawsuit is not going to be settled in our favor. I don’t expect you to be able to answer this but I just wonder why words [made in verbal and written promises not to file a tax certiorari case] are never good enough. Why are agreements always cancelled out? Also, I didn’t even know we were being poisoned. Thanks for telling me. I raised two children here and no one ever told me we were being poisoned. Where is your responsibility to inform people that there is poison [from the plant]. Where is the poison notice, I didn’t get it? Do you know how we suffered after that hurricane? I still live with PTSD. I live on the water. There’s no empathy. You don’t care. I don’t know what to say. Why doesn’t New York State foot the bill for people whose lives were destroyed in the hurricane? Clean up the plant and make it run right. Thanks for nothing.”

### **Q.11 Mark Tannenbaum**

Mr. Tannenbaum stated LIPA was set up to protect LI when it came to electricity. LIPA partnered with PSEG Long Island which is a phony shell corporation that was made up by PSEG. PSEG pays the 10<sup>th</sup> highest dividend to shareholders of any power company in the U.S. They’re a wealthy company. They set up PSEG so they could shelter what they are doing. The controller of New York can’t get the documents. LIPA is disallowed from buying cheap power so we’re the highest energy payers in the country. You should have PSEG up here with you figuring out how they can help you finance these plants so that you can afford the taxes that you are paying now and you don’t go backwards. I think our state, our county, our town have to get together and come up with a better settlement. You’re working for us. Let’s take a different look; let’s get our elected officials to sit down with LIPA and PSEG the parent company not the shell that has one employee.

### **Q.12 George Lonergan – Island Park**

Mr. Lonergan stated that they should update the plants. LIPA wants to run high voltage underground in the water and bays. We are being taken advantage of. Every penny that they save in taxes should go to an escrow account for when this plant turns out to be a rust bucket. They have a monster plant on the water sitting there that hasn't run in 60 years to capacity. We got an incinerator that has not run in maybe 65 years sitting in Oceanside. We need an escrow account. Asbestos has been outlawed since 1974. That plant hasn't been abated. As far as taking the money away from us and putting it in your pocket - nice knowing you. Shame on the county because there is no value added.

### **Q.13 Mike Scully – Resident of Island Park and Island Park Real Estate Business Owner**

Mr. Scully stated, "I had the privilege of speaking in front of your LIPA Board of Directors at a meeting last year in Uniondale, along with Rich [Schurin] and a few others. What I did express obviously fell on deaf ears so I am going to brush on something a little bit. I feel a little foolish here today. I'm coming to play a horse race that already went, the winner came in, and somebody sold me my ticket to it. I wasn't aware. I know you want to get out of here and go home. I don't know where you live but I'm sure it's not near a LIPA plant. Here's how it works here. We have a community that's still rebuilding. You gave a lot of gifts out in other communities. This community is actually still rebuilding. We have a couple of other issues. Many of the people that buy homes in this community put less than 20% down. If you put less than 20% down, you have to get PMI insurance on top of your mortgage, plus your excessive flood insurance, which we all deal with here. Then you also have an undisclosed tax increase if you elevated your home, and now we have this monstrous tax burden which you put up as \$230 million by 2027 as on one of your charts. You know and I know that this increase in taxes, and is going to paralyze this community. I know you don't care. But what you should care about is two things. I know you said quite a few clichés up there about if someone buys a house worth \$400,000, you get a \$4 million tax bill. I'll share this with you. When I was raised, my parents told me you're only as good as your word. I was trying to live my life that way, and your company - your boss - your ex-boss - you all made a commitment to this community to put a toxic plant here and in return we would get your money and have reduced taxes. You're now taking that away from us. You're keeping your plant here with toxins and everything else and the most important thing is you didn't keep your word. Your company did not keep your word. We are saddled with this problem and you'll go home in your cars tonight. I think it's reckless. I think this settlement is reckless and I think you should reconsider it.

### **Q.14 Michael MarcAntonio, Resident Northport**

Mr. Michael MarcAntonio stated, "Let me tell you something you already know. LIPA is corrupt to its core. It does not work for you. It does not hear our cries or heed our calls. It exploits us. It lies to us. It defrauds us every year and we do nothing because we have no power over LIPA and we have no voice. LIPA is at war with this community and it seeks our financial ruin. It seeks to steal your savings, pillage our schools, shut our small businesses, lay off thousands of workers and it doesn't care because it doesn't work for you. It works for its bondholders, not for the people. LIPA was formed to bail out LILCO - a multibillion-dollar company - that went belly-up because it invested \$5 billion in a nuclear power plant that got shut down. Instead of letting that company get shut down, New York State government bailed that company out to the tune of \$6.4 billion paid for by all of us by higher rates on all of the ratepayers on Long Island. That debt was \$6.8 billion then; today, it is \$11.2 billion that was incurred in your name - not for you - but you're paying it back. It was incurred to bail out LILCO 100% on the dollar. The CEO of LILCO at the time walked away with a \$50 million severance package. That was a bankrupt company. It had no money. The top 20 executives of that company walked away with \$25 million. We pay for it with a bond that they issued tax-free that we are paying off in higher rates. In 1996, the New York State Assembly released a report. The report asked how much is this going to cost us? That report said that every ratepayer on Long Island will pay off the debt - though it would cost them higher rates over the life of the bond - \$23,000 per ratepayer. So if you've been living on Long Island since 1996 you will have paid \$23,000 more in rates. Imagine what you could've done with that money. Imagine

instead of bailing out LILCO, we were allowed to keep that money. Now LIPA is in a death spiral \$11.2 billion. They need every cent they can get, and they're coming after our homes and our savings. That's what this is about. It's not to lower rates for the ratepayers; that's nonsense. Their debt service function is run by a trustee of the bond holders' international capital markets. The money that we pay in rates goes there first and the trustee controls it (not Falcone, not LIPA), and they pay off their bondholders. If you want to know what's going on read Fitch, S&P and Moody's. Something I'm sure the CEO is very familiar with. This is why S&P says they just raised LIPA's bond rating from an A- to an A. Ask why they are in so much debt. This is their rationale - the stable outlook of LIPA reflects expectations of their strengthening the fixed-charge coverage ratio. The availability of both robust and pass-through mechanisms, the recovery of rising costs, and favorable service-area demographics that can support the utilities high rates. We are a middle-class community, so we can absorb the pass-through mechanisms - we can absorb the higher rates that they are going to use to pay off this unconscionable debt that should have never occurred in the first place, to bail out a company that we should have let go bankrupt. I just want to say one thing, Mr. Falcone lied to you tonight about the valuation mechanism for valuing plants. He said the valuation mechanism is cost plus depreciation. The fixed rule of law income-based model and the market-based model, meaning how much would a willing buyer spend to buy a plant. He knows this very well. He's a former energy investment banker. He would never sell one of his clients at Morgan Stanley this plant for the amount that they are trying to fleece us for. We could easily value it on two other models but he's not revealing that information to you. What he is saying is there is one mode, cost plus depreciation. Which means how much does it cost to build a plant and then you depreciate on the life of the plant. But, of course, we all know that you can't just build a plant on Long Island. What that model implies is that you build it in North Dakota. The value of the plant on Long Island is relative to the space on Long Island and the ability to build something which you can't build a plant on Long Island like this one. He knows that, so he is lying to us. He is misleading us and the fact is this - there are 3 models. How much are they paying National Grid to buy or own these plants? We don't know that. The lawsuit is saying that's private information, so we can't know. I would love to know how much the power purchase agreement amounts to that they paid National Grid every year to run these plants. By the way, Anna is a former council at National Grid; that's what her job was before her current job at LIPA and I guarantee you she will be making millions after her stint at LIPA, same as Mr. Falcone. Anna went to Duke Law so did I. The fact of the matter is that they want to bankrupt this community to destroy this community. We all know that - because they don't work for us they work for the bondholders. That's who they work for. Now the last thing is this: they say they can't run their operation if they don't lower costs. 15% of the cost according to LIPA are the taxes, 20% of the costs are the bond debt service payments; so, they have to lower costs. They don't touch the 20% that's protected by Wall Street and by International Capital Markets and the bondholders who have their ears. Instead they come after you because they think we are weak, they think you're powerless, they do not respect us. They don't care about us. Why isn't the New York State government doing anything about this? Well State Senator Warren along with Kaminsky passed a great law that would prevent LIPA from recovering a cent of back taxes. It passed the State Senate unanimously. It didn't get introduced into the Assembly because they sent an army of lobbyists up there to block that legislation. Which they did and I know that for a fact. I know one of the lobbyists and he told me that. They're paying lobbyists to work against our interests. This is a revolving door in which they go to LIPA for a few years and I guarantee you, in my opinion, Mr. Falcone will be running an international energy company in a few years making billions making millions and cashing out on the good work he did working for LIPA against our interests. Everything they tell us is a lie. Everything. I would like to know how much of the energy that they sell us is from the NYISO. NYISO is the interim that sells Niagara Falls energy costs cheap and subsidized. The condition for being in the NYISO and getting that cheaper energy that they can sell to us is the maintenance of these plants. (...) The last thing is this, the fact is this that LIPA is going to do everything it can to divide us. We need to stand together on this. They don't care about us. They are looking at us and laughing. They need that money to pay back their bondholders. Caithness was built in three tax free zones. Tax free zones means the state sanctions the areas throughout the state where you can build, open a small business. We've all seen this, three of them overlapping. That's why they don't pay taxes like this plant does, like Northport does. It's not because they struck a better deal. It's because they built in a strategic location. A location that they can't build anywhere else. The settlement is nonsense. Sen. Kaminsky did his job in the senate he passed that bill but we need to then pass another bill in the Assembly and then he needs to

do this and this is what they fear the most. We need to pass a bill that codifies the promise that they made to us. The promise in 1996. LIPA was formed to take over LILCO and they promised that they would never initiate tax certioraris against us. That was a lie. We need to restrain LIPA's acts and prevent them from initiating tax certioraris; we never violated the agreement by disproportionately raising the taxes on those plants relative to commercial properties. That was the original agreement that Pataki promised to us. Of course, it wasn't included in the bill in the act so it didn't strain LIPA at all they forgot about that little part. That was the promise they gave to us in words only. This is a typical strategy. Big companies, big conglomerates, and big government, they tell the people something and it's not reflected in the law and so they have unlimited discretion to initiate tax certioraris. Our government needs to stand with us and restrain LIPA, amend LIPA, and if they want to reduce costs they should restructure their bonds. If they expect a cent of what their saving against us on restructuring their bonds with their bond holders they would save a lot more money.

#### **Q.15 Mr. Jack Vobis, Resident Island Park and President of IPS Board of Education**

Mr. Vobis stated I just want to say thank you to everyone for coming tonight and understanding that the School Board stands behind you and the School District stands behind you. We initiated a lawsuit about five years ago to enforce the promise that Richard Kessel, the CEO of LIPA, made back in 1999. Mr. MarcAntonio just told everybody that was the promise that was not to bring tax certiorari lawsuits as long as forever, basically. Of course, we know what the status of that is now. Our lawsuit is still pending, but there has been a decision as Judge Emerson ruled in the Suffolk County case. With that being said, and I am not going to phrase it as a question, because I think I know the answer, compounded by the disingenuous slides that were put up on that screen before that insulted the intelligence of everyone in this room, telling us that LIPA was giving us a benefit. Why would we believe what you say now when you're telling us what was said in 1999 was not true. So, the words that come out of LIPA's mouth now are worth no more than what Mr. Kessel said back in 1999. There will be no benefits to Island Park that we will reap over the next 7 years; it was very disingenuous of you to say there is; this was not appreciated. The other thing is that I have also called the County. We are sitting here today because the County was looking at \$250 million-plus back tax bill if they lost their certiorari case that's part of the Nassau County guarantee. Well, the fact is there is no County Guarantee because that was a contract that was made with the residents of Nassau County, the taxpayers of Nassau County, that if back taxes were incurred, then Nassau County would pay for them. So Nassau County has now made a deal not to pay those back taxes and guess who's paying for them. Look to your right; look to your left. What we're dealing with here is a lot of talk and a lot of rhetoric and I do have to say that the people responsible for it are not seeing this through. There needs to be some type of relief for the taxpayers of Island Park. One of the ways to possibly make a first step - get back the litigation that was undercut - that the litigation still goes on. We are paying for lawyers. Everyone in this room and everyone that lives in this community is paying legal fees for an ongoing lawsuit that now means, more or less if everything goes the way you say it goes, nothing. Five years of hard work on the part of the district is now down the drain. So maybe that's the first good faith step you could take and we'll go from there. Other than that I think everything else has been said by the people in this room and I also implore our representatives in Albany to consider the bill that was passed last year in the Senate and also that Assembly sponsored bill that was put forth last night in the Assembly to help us put some funds back in host communities. To have the state designate money, millions and millions of dollars, for communities like Island Park, like the North Shore School District, anyone who is a host community that deals with the eyesores and detriments that come to be able to recoup some of that money. I would also like to say one more thing about what Mr. MarcAntonio said. His point is well taken and very true as far as the way the plant is valued. If you look at the handout that was given to us, it says that LIPA runs Barrett at approximately 25%, Caithness which Mr. Falcone mentioned, pays one-quarter of the taxes and also gets the benefits that Mr. Schurin mentioned runs at 85%. Caithness, the new streamlined plant, powers 275,000 homes. Barrett running at only 25% powers 300,000 homes at approximately one-third of what Caithness runs at. Three hundred thousand homes times the money for the electricity that those homes use let's look up the value of Barrett when it comes to that. It's much more valuable than Caithness. Because running at 25% and powering more homes it's putting more money in the pocket of LIPA by working one-third as much of the time. So that's one of the

considerations that this community deserves and I just wanted again to thank everyone for coming and for keeping a level head and hopefully we will have some good news in the future.

#### **Q.16 Rosemary Ojeda – Resident Island Park**

Ms. Ojeda stated just a quick question. This is the first time that I heard about this. I just want to make sure that – so we have not lost the lawsuit as of yet - that is regarding your legal obligation to us the people of the different communities but you're working on the premise that we already lost our lawsuit that would cost us all this money and would that \$9,000 be in addition to what we are paying now? Would the incremental numbers you displayed be in addition to what we are paying? I call on the County to end LIPA and to rework something because people are not going to be able to afford this, between the high flood insurance, between rebuilding our lives, and looking at the eyesore that puts out 1.7 pounds of CO2 and 1.5 per megawatts. Why are we paying for the poison?

#### **Q.17 Paul DeRivo - Town of Huntington – Northport/East Northport School District**

Mr. DeRivo stated we are in this fight with you. I just want to make a couple of observations. You are underrepresented by your elected officials in Nassau County. You are an incredibly small school district. East Northport is an incredibly small school district. As a voting block you represented very little to them due to the folks in Nassau County and their political aspirations. I have no doubt they pursued every single avenue they could to negotiate, but at the end of the day the rhetoric around the negotiation is totally clear because your deal is that same as the Brookhaven deal the Port Jefferson transaction the settlement that was struck several years ago. They did not negotiate for you at all. I say they tried to negotiate but they were unsuccessful and at the end of the day there was a political calculus that they did not worry that much about Island Park and North Shore. Secondly, there was a lot of rhetoric being used by LIPA about how they are doing this for all 3,000,000 Long Island residents and 1.1 million ratepayers. If they are successful in their tax certiorari settlements with the four host communities, let's say about \$1 hundred million in property taxes that's a lot of money. There are 1.1 million ratepayers on Long Island the average monthly subsidy is the term they used is \$7 a month. So the average ratepayer pays about \$7 a month so that there host communities and they tolerated everything that comes with being a host community net effect of the \$1 million. It's not about the average ratepayer it's about large corporations that have lobbied and pursued this tax agenda for over a decade. So I just want to be clear about what we're all facing in this community. The playing field is anything but level.

#### **Q.18 Theresa – Resident Island Park**

She stated I don't have much to say. I'm learning a lot. Very sad. What are we supposed to do. We have civic meetings, we have board meetings, we have town meetings, we have a lot of people fighting for this community very hard. I have to move. I can't stay here. I don't want to move, but looking at my flood insurance, my neighbors here - I want to acknowledge them - just moved into their house – living in a trailer since Hurricane Sandy. We have a lot of people who try hard, but I don't think the word gets out. I know that many people just received letters. This gentleman right here has been fighting for a long time. We had a civic meeting last night there was only 4 people that showed up and I know so many people volunteering to do these jobs and we need to get out more in the community.

#### **Q.19 Mr. Schurin – Resident Island Park**

Mr. Schurin stated, "I would like to try to answer your question. This is not a fait accompli. I want people to know that this is not a done deal because the Nassau County legislators – our county legislator Denise Ford and all the other county legislators are going to have a chance to vote on this. If they care about us, they will vote it down and the assembly won't go forward and it will end. So we need the support of Councilman D'Esposito, all our elected officials tell the county legislature to vote this down so it doesn't happen and then it can't happen.

## **Helena Williams - Nassau County Chief Deputy County Executive**

We know it's been a long evening and we appreciate your time. We will accept additional comments on [Barrettsettlement.com](http://Barrettsettlement.com) and we will be here for a few minutes if anyone wants to come up and speak with us.

### **Crowd**

You didn't answer our questions

### **Q.20 Mrs. Hassett – Resident Island Park**

Mrs. Hassett stated you didn't answer any of those questions. Did you write them down? Are you calling another meeting to answer these questions? You have to answer the questions. I have questions as a person that lives here. It's not fair that all these people just got a letter in the mail. They are taken by surprise and no one's answering these questions.

### **Mr. Falcone**

Mr. Falcone asked a question about who pays the taxes. It really is all the customers because we are providing energy on a cost of service basis. (....)

### **Mrs. Hassett**

Mrs. Hassett stated, "It's ok you don't have to answer. I have a different question. I live in Island Park. I live in the village. I live on the water. I pay an amount of taxes for where I live. You look to the left I have a beautiful view, very peaceful. You look to right and there are those two stacks in the air that pumps out dirt. I hear your phone ring. I hear you release air. I hear all that. There's noise pollution, there's environmental pollution. I endure that and I knew that as a person who lived here and continues to live here. So, now that you're taking that tax break from us what I am supposed to do when I want to sell my house, my value is not the same. So what happens to my value? You're saying your value is not the same. Well, mine never was because I accepted to live in an area that looks at your plant, hears your plant, and breathes in the soot that comes out of your plant. I made a conscience decision to live there. What are you going to do to protect me as a customer? I'm not a person who lives in the middle of the Island or on the North Shore so it doesn't need to be equitable across Long Island. Others not living in Island Park are not looking at what I'm looking at. They're not breathing what I'm breathing and they're not hearing what I'm hearing. So what happens to the hosting community?"

### **Mr. Falcone – CEO LIPA**

Mr. Falcone stated currently you receive about \$400 a month. At the end of this settlement, you will still receive around \$200 a month as a tax abatement.

### **Mrs. Hassett**

Mrs. Hassett stated, "So, I'll continue to hear your phone ring, to hear you release air. So that's the break I get \$16 a month. Oh, \$200, so that's what you're saying all of that is worth. Is there a way that you can shut off your phones, stop your workers from talking to each other, stop releasing air and stop releasing the toxins and chemicals so it's a fair playing field? Can you answer that please?"

**Mr. Falcone**

Mr. Falcone stated, “Yes, I think what will happen as we transition to cleaner energy. That could be a site that would be used for solar and wind.”

**Mrs. Hassett**

Mrs. Hassett stated and how long do you think that will take?

**Mr. Falcone**

Mr. Falcone stated “Well, I think that’s why we’ve established a community advisory board to advise the community about the transition. The plant is under contract for another 7 years.”

**Mrs. Hassett**

Mrs. Hassett stated, “Do you have any idea how long it will take to improve our environment? That has not been looked at before you decided to hit us with this tax.”

**Mr. Falcone**

Mr. Falcone stated that New York State is entirely committed to fossil free electricity over the next 20 years.

**Mrs. Hassett**

Mrs. Hassett stated do you have any realistic goals of when that would be completed?

**Mr. Falcone**

Mr. Falcone stated that the State’s goal is 70% renewal energy on Long Island by 2030; 100% by 2040.

**Jessica Koenig – Director Island Park Library**

Jessica Koenig stated that Dean Bacigalupo explained how the library supports the community and about seniors and the effects to the library. I’m not going to ask you a question about that you already explained it. I want to give you my card.

**Mr. Falcone**

Thank you.

**Mr. Schurin**

Mr. Schurin stated asking about whether a package for the Island park community that was offered to other communities.

**Mr. Falcone**

Mr. Falcone stated, “You get \$43 million this year and \$21 million in the second year.”

**Mr. Schurin**

Mr. Schurin said to the County Representatives – Can you go back and formally request they give us some of the things that they gave to Caithness are you willing to make that demand of them?

**Ms. Williams**

The purpose of the community advisory board is to try to address the future of Barrett. If you think these things are important as it relates to Barrett then you would be an effective

**Sara Smith**

Ms. Smith asked, “What would deter you from continuing the four years?”

**Mr. Falcone**

Voice drowned out by crowd after microphones went out.