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A special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on December 30th to consider the acceptance of the deed to 10.65 acres adjoining the shopping center site which has been offered by the developers earlier in the year provided the shopping center was approved and its construction not delayed for reasons beyond their control. The deed would have to be registered in 1985 if accepted, under the conditions of the offer. Given the assurance that the State permit was on its way and no action had been taken by any third party to delay construction, the developers asked the Town to accept the deed. All commissioners were in favor of accepting the deed but a motion was made to accept the transfer with the condition that: "If the developers were restricted or prohibited from proceeding with the building or starting their project by the failure of the issuance of permits within one year, the property would be returned to the developers." This proved to be controversial and voting resulted in a tie. Mayor Hanan then cast the deciding vote to pass the motion and the condition stands. The planning board will be asked to recommend zoning of this property.

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No comments were offered from the floor concerning the new ordinance, replacing the existing ordinance 21.5.1 regarding landscape permits. The new ordinance requires that the building inspector issue a landscape permit before any clearing can be done and requires reestablishing of areas disturbed.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON

#### NEW ORDINANCE HELD

After the meeting it was pointed out by planning board members that we must all be on the alert for violations of this ordinance, since it can happen that bulldozers, particularly, can come in and do the damage before authorities are able to prevent it. If you see such clearing taking place and there is not a permit clearly visible, report it to the Town Hall without delay. You may be saving the life of a tree or other vegetation -- to say nothing of preventing an unnecessary flood condition from developing.

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