

**RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**July 25, 2018**

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Robert McKeon  
Councilman Harry Colgan  
Councilman William O'Neill  
Councilperson Sarah Imboden  
Councilperson Christine Kane  
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst

Also Present: Attorney Christine Chale

Supervisor McKeon called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC HEARING – APPROVING LOCAL LAW D – EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM ON LARGE SCALE COMMERCIAL EXTRACTIVE OPERATIONS**

Supervisor McKeon opened the public hearing at 7:38 p.m. and explained the extension. He then opened for comments, There were none.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the public hearing.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden, Kane
	Nays	0	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor McKeon announced the following:

- Art Studio Views Award
- NYS DOT granted our request to lower the speed limit on a portion of 9G to 45 MPH

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

*Linda Keeling* spoke about illegal signs on trees and in the right of way on a property. She wants it stopped.

*Ben Senterfit* of the Community Music Space spoke about the proposed expansion project of Rec. Park West. He recommends doing a needs assessment before expanding the park project.

*Jim Hegstetter* commented that it is the Boards fiduciary responsibility to have a needs assessment.

*Tricia Papendor* echoed the request for a needs assessment. It is a small project, respect the voices of the people and get a needs assessment done.

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT EPF GRANT – MONTGOMERY PLACE RESTORATION PROJECT**

Supervisor McKeon explained that Bard College is asking for the Town's endorsement. He read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2018 #42**

RE: ENDORSING AN APPLICATION BY BARD COLLEGE FOR A GRANT UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

On a motion of Supervisor Robert McKeon seconded by Councilperson Sarah Imboden moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden, Kane
	Nays	0	

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**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT GREENWAY GRANT – SAWKILL CROSSING  
BARD/MONTGOMERY PEDESTRIAN/BIKE CROSSING**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2018 #43**

RE: SUPPORTING BARD COLLEGE’S APPLICATION FOR A GREENWAY  
GRANT FOR A SAWKILL PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

On a motion of Councilperson Christine Kane seconded by Councilman William O’Neill  
moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden, Kane
	Nays	0	

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING EPF – PARKS AND RECREATION GRANT – REC.  
PARK WEST**

Supervisor McKeon introduced Ryan Morrison of the engineering firm Tighe & Bond. Ryan explained that the Recreation Commission held informational meetings where residents provided input. He gave a presentation containing some changes that were suggested and discussed. He pointed out specifics of the original Master Plan that was started in 2013. Since that plan the Town acquired more land. The Town asked for changes to provide for a Challenger Field. Plans were reconfigured to meet various needs. He explained that synthetic turf works for both ADA accessibility and for able bodied, and explained the positives of using synthetic turf. He and fellow engineer Brandee Nelson travelled to Webster, NY near Buffalo to research a similar field. There are not many of its kind in New York. Supervisor McKeon thanked Ryan for the presentation.

**RESOLUTION 2018 #44**

RE: AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND

On a motion of Councilperson Christine Kane seconded by Councilman William O’Neill  
moved to approve the resolution to apply for a grant for the Rec. Park West project.

Adopted	Ayes	3	McKeon, O’Neill, Kane
	Nays	0	
	Abstain	1	Colgan
	Recuse	1	Imboden

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Kelly Pryer-Blakeney asked if the Town can apply for a grant before a needs assessment is done. Jim Hegstetter asked the cost.

Supervisor McKeon told him about \$1.6 million, some from grants, donated services, etc. We will have a robust discussion at the next Town Board meeting.

Councilperson Kane commented that this is an opportunity for a grant and it would be short sighted not to apply.

Supervisor McKeon reminded everyone that we had a public hearing regarding a CDBG application.

**ECHO VALLEY ROAD SAFETY STUDY REPORT**

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke presented a safety study report on Echo Valley Road. Questionnaires were sent out to thirty nine Echo Valley Road residents and she received 13 responses. On July 14<sup>th</sup> the Highway Department met with 4 randomly chosen residents, the Cornell Local Roads Program Director, and two members of the Dutchess County Transportation Council to evaluate and discuss concerns, specifically traffic, speeding, safety, walkability, bikeability and drainage. Her presentation included various options for the road. In summary, the Highway Department has four action items for Echo Valley Road. 1. Update the illegal speed limit signs from 20 mph to 35 mph; 2. Fix the drainage issue near 24 Echo Valley Road; 3. Repave the road in 2019; 4. Follow up on the request to the County to update the bridge signage. She provided cost estimates for the projects and options. The Board discussed budget issues.

**DISCUSSION – RED CHURCH CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS DRAFT**

Supervisor McKeon referred to the handout of the draft rules and regulations for the Red Church Cemetery and Mountain View Ash Burial Garden. It needs some more work and he asked that the Board review the draft.

Attorney Chale explained that this is no longer private property and rules will be different.

**DISCUSSION – NYS S.A.L.T. WORK AROUND LEGISLATION- CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Supervisor McKeon explained the new Federal tax bill regarding taxes (State/Local/ School) no longer deductible. NY State does not agree with that bill and wants to come up with legislation to allow charitable donations for deductions applied to property tax payments. He referred to the NYS Dept. of States Department of Taxation and Finance pamphlet, “Charitable Contributions to Local Governments and School Districts Guidance”, dated May 16, 2018.

Councilman Colgan wants to wait until it is “cast in stone” before making any decisions.

Supervisor McKeon said the IRS has not yet made a ruling, but we might have to take this into consideration.

**REPORTS**

Planning Board – Continued review an application to construct a 3-unit multi-family dwelling.

Assessor – Presently working on the 2019 assessment roll, preparing for new changes with Enhanced Star, renewals are being prepared to be sent out in the fall, reviewing sales, etc. There were 11 sales in June, the highest sale price was \$625,000, the lowest was \$175,000.

Building/Zoning – July report showed 29 permits issued, 35 inspections, 28 CO/CC’s, 1 complaint and \$5,614.90 in revenue.

Police Dept. – The June report showed 82 incidents, 11 arrests and 40 tickets issued.

Water Department – all requirements are being met. They recommend using the current tank without repainting and decide on replacement later.

ITF- began discussion regarding the concept of Air B-n-B’s in Town, reviewing what our existing zoning regulates. Also discussing flag lots, a subject raised by the Planning Board.

Recreation Commission – upkeep is ongoing. Vinyl self stick labels for garbage and recycling containers have been ordered hoping to encourage recycling. The biannual report for the Division of Youth Services will be completed and mailed this week.

Tree Commission – Trees are doing well, they obtained permission to plant a maple tree in the triangle at the River Road/Barrytown road intersection. Hardscrabble Day plans are being discussed.

**GRANT CONTRACT WITH NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE – LWRP**

Supervisor McKeon explained and read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2018 #45**

RE: AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH NYS DEPARTMENT OF STATE REGARDING LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION UPDATE

On a motion of Supervisor Robert McKeon seconded by Councilman William O’Neill moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted        Ayes    5        McKeon, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden, Kane  
                     Nays    0

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.

*Linda Keeling* complemented Highway Superintendent Theresa Burkes presentation. There were no more comments.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman O’Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Adopted        Ayes    5        McKeon, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden, Kane  
                     Nays    0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion of Councilperson Kane seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to go into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss a matter under litigation.

Adopted      Ayes    5      McKeon, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden, Kane  
                  Nays    0

On a motion of Councilperson Kane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the Executive session at 10:19 p.m.

Adopted      Ayes    5      McKeon, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden, Kane  
                  Nays    0

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to reopen the meeting at 10:20 and instruct counsel to proceed as recommended in Warburton vs; Town Board.

Adopted      Ayes    3      McKeon, Colgan, Imboden  
                  Nays    1      O’Neill  
                  Abstain 1      Kane

On a motion of Councilperson Kane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Adopted      Ayes    5      McKeon, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden, Kane  
                  Nays    0

Respectfully submitted,

Claire W. Horst, Deputy Town Clerk