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Town of Red Hook

**Agriculture and Open Space Committee**

**Minutes of July 26, 2016**

**Attendance:** Talea Hekman-Taylor (7:10 pm - 7:20 pm) and Linda Keeling, secretary

**Absent:** Co-chairman Pete Hubbell, Co-chairman Norman Greig, Ken Migliorelli (ZRC & EDC), John Hardeman, Mike Robertson (Sawkill Coalition), Marina Michahelles (Website), Rich Biezynski, Hannah Beal, and Town Board Councilman William O’Neill (liaison)

**Guests:** None

**Meeting Opened:** *Secretary Linda Keeling* opened the meeting at 7:10 pm. Emails were received from the following who could not attend: Marina, Norman, Rich, Hannah, and Mike.

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1. **Minutes:** There was NOT a quorum (1 of 9).

2. **Correspondence:**

An email from Supervisor McKeon was received on 7/25/16 regarding the local Agricultural fence law. *“The Town Board did in fact amend the fence law to allow agricultural fences without permit (and consequently without fees). In addition we amended the building fees for agricultural structures - reducing the amount to \$10 / 100sf and capped the max at \$250 instead of \$1000.”*

2. **Farm List and Website:** Marina Michahelles sent her information via email. She has gotten some additional responses back aside from the original 16. Some farms do not have a web address. She’s created a new list with updates and passed it on to the town’s webmaster, Dick Wambach.

3. **Montgomery Place New Owners, Bard College:** *Talea Hekman-Taylor* related that she is pleased to be involved with Bard as she had some trees fall down and they cleaned them up immediately. Formerly, her son had to clean up several trees for her.

4. **AOSC Secretary Announcement:**

*On 7/26/16, Secretary Linda Keeling informed the two co-chairman and the town clerks of the following: “Just to let you know I am resigning as the AOSC secretary come Dec. 2016. This should give you some time to look around for my replacement. I felt I have accomplished all that I wanted in the years since starting with the group in 2011 ..... regular meetings with agendas and detailed minutes, passed laws benefitting farmers, presence at the Red Hook Ag Fair, a fully involved 9 member*

*committee and representatives at ZRC and EDC, acknowledged presence before the Town Board and starting a website advertising the variety of farms and their offerings. It is a burden to do two groups as their meeting dates are just a week apart. I'm sure the three girls can help out and maybe John H. can fill in somehow. Glad to have helped out over the years!"*

**4. Agenda Items:** There was no new information on the following items: CPF, PDF, ZRC /EDC, Sawkill Coalition Project.

**5. Waited for additional arrivals:** *Linda Keeling* waited until 7:30 in case anyone else showed up but there were none.

**6. Next Meeting:** The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, August 23, 2016**, 7 pm, town hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Keeling, AOSC Secretary