

TOWN OF RED HOOK MEETING

April 3, 2007

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 Marirose Blum Bump
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Absent: Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Lisa Pullaro

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale
Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill

Supervisor Blum Bump began the meeting at 7:40 p.m. with the following announcements:

- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day at Red Hook Recycling Center is June 2, 2007 for Dutchess County Residents only. Pre-registration is required. Phone #463-6020
- Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day at the Farm & Home Center in Millbrook is September 1, 2007 for Dutchess County Residents only. Pre-registration is required. Phone #463-6020
- Dutchess County Dept. of Planning and Development will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 5th at 1:00 p.m. at the Town of Poughkeepsie Town Hall Meeting Room, One Overrocker Road, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. to begin to prepare their 2008-2012 Consolidated Plan which establishes the priorities for the Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. Any questions please call 486-3600

FAIRWAYS DEVELOPMENT

Supervisor addressed the first topic on the agenda, two issues regarding the Fairways Development on Route 199

a) The Town's acceptance of Tee Lane – Supervisor Blum Bump said according to the Planning Board and the Homeowners Association the road was built to Town specs. and we are investigating whether the Town would accept as a Town Road.

b) County Water and Wastewater Authority creating a County District to take over their private water corporation. – Supervisor Blum Bump said the homeowners association would like the Town to consider having that private water corporation become part of the County Water and Wastewater Authority.

Councilwoman Crane asks if they need authorization from the Town in order to apply to the County.

Attorney Chale said because it's a Transportation Corporation we have a right with respect to that water corporation so they would need us to waive that in order for them to proceed with the County. We need to give them an indication that that's something the Town is going to consider. If that's the case then they can proceed with Scott Chase to pursue it. He can give them the information about how they would proceed to work with him and apply for that. Then they can let us know when they need an official action from the Board.

Councilman Ramsey stated that this is not new in this Town. Rokeby Estates is run by Dutchess County Wastewater. This is not setting any kind of precedent. He asked if when the development went in and they created the Homeowners Association was there anything written into their requirements that would prevent us from taking over that road. Attorney Chale said the President was interested in pursuing this. The road was going to be privately maintained, so they need to look at their own issues. She thinks their issue is if the Town is willing to take on that road as a Town road. He indicated that it was built to Town specs. Fairway Lane apparently is a Town road.

Councilman Ramsey will look into it further.

Supervisor Blum Bump...the question is are there any legal obstacles.

Councilwoman Crane said there is a cost associated with taking over a private road for the Town.

Councilman Ramsey... we are taking over Innishannon now. In light of the assessment issue, he can understand their concern. We are already out there with Fairway Lane.

Attorney Chale suggested looking at the original approvals that were made in respect to the project and some of the other issues before deciding to go with it. We'll take the file and review it and we'll give a report on what we come up with.

Councilman Ramsey asked if there was anything preventing us from moving forward on County Water and Wastewater. Can we tell them we want to move forward? We don't want to take it over. If the County wants to take it over he doesn't see why we would want it.

Councilwoman Crane thinks we should look at the package and have all the answers and not piecemeal it out. This is confusing.

Councilman Ramsey answered that these are two separate issues. They can come to us at separate times with each issue. The wastewater deals with Dutchess County and the road issue deals with the Homeowners Association.

PURCHASE OF RECREATONAL LANDS

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of recreational lands at 7:50 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes 3	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey
	Nays 0	
	Absent 2	Ross, Pullaro

The meeting reconvened 8:13 p.m.

INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE REPORT

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill reported that the Task Force continues to meet weekly. With the help of Water Department Chairman we are preparing a water resource map that we hope will be ready in another month. The Task Force received a copy of the sewer feasibility study from Peter Setaro. We hope to meet with him again to finalize his report so that we have it for the May 9th Community Meeting at the Firehouse. The Task Force will be working on the Zoning Changes. John Clark is redrawing a sketch of the South Broadway area to show mixed use and light industrial in the area south and east of Hannaford and it should be provided to them by the next meeting. We are coordinating the matter of extending the commercial to satisfy that. The Task Force is saying we may propose 400,000 square feet but the EDC has to find people to fill it up with some kind of businesses.

Councilman Ramsey responded that the impetus of this is that the EDC is looking at different components out there and they went to the Task Force because the zoning doesn't suit that and they'd like to work on it.

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill stated there is a big effort to protect the gateway into the village and as you come north on Route 9 they would want to have any light industrial out of sight but still accessible to Hannaford Road for the trucks. The benefit is that we are working together with the EDC. The sewer issue is still the subject of a lot of discussion. At the last Task Force meeting it was said that whatever the Task Force proposes in May we continue on the subject of the sewers. Where we are going to put it, and how we're going to fund it is a huge issue that needs to be addressed. The next Community Meeting will be at the Firehouse on May 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Town Clerk McCann advised the Board that there is a special election vote on May 1, 2007, the same night as a scheduled Board meeting. The Board decided to cancel the May 1st meeting and reschedule it for May 22, 2007.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Supervisor Blum Bump explained we are trying to conclude the 2005 grant. She introduced Mr. Pete Setaro, the engineer for the project.

Mr. Setaro explained that they had a meeting at the Dutchess County Planning Office to go over the two Community Development Block Grants. The one from 2005 that the Town got an extension on was to provide for the engineering and development of an official road map. The engineering was for connector road that go from behind Town Hall through Hardscrabble ultimately tying into Hannaford's. It was for surveying and

engineering. We prepared plans which we gave to the Town about three months ago, saying here are items we need the Board to look at before we finalize the plans. The plans are about 75% - 80% complete. The biggest item was to make a final determination on the width of the roads. He believes that got settled at 22 feet for the driving lanes. Based on the meeting with County Planning we said we could finish the 2005 grant in a timely fashion, in about a month and that would complete our obligation except for the official map. As far as the engineering and surveying, that should be completed within the next month.

Attorney Chale asked if part of the scope was an official map of the entire Town.

Mr. Setaro answered yes. We are going to go ahead and start that. One of the questions was on the official road map of the Town, can you put potential future roads on it.

Attorney Chale answered you can, but there are consequences to that.

Supervisor Blum Bump... you have to pay for it at some point.

Councilman Ramsey stated that we do have another meeting at Dutchess County Planning on the 19th more so to confirm that the engineering and surveying of the connector road part of this is moving forward or on the verge of being done. As Pete said they understand that the official map will not be done by that point. We already passed the extension period on that and they want to make sure we move forward on this. They asked to have another follow up meeting on April 19th at 12:30, which is our actual deadline.

Attorney Chale asked exactly what it is that they are looking for in order to make appropriate progress by the 19th.

Mr. Setaro answered that we told them we were going to have this meeting and he would come in with any update plans that we had. Then we would go over the progress we are making on the 2006 application because that has to be completed by the end of August. They want to see on the 19th that we are making steady progress. He told them that the engineering would be done in the next month. The detailed plans are for these two grants. Some of the questions we sent were about lights and trees. We showed the lights and trees on the plan, but didn't show the specifics.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked if in the scope of the grant money, he thought of the details. If the grant covers it maybe we should go to the Planning Board. She wants to get the best possible use of the money. When we first discussed this she remembers talking about the type of lighting poles.

Councilwoman Crane suggests we use similar lights that are around the Village Hall.

Mr. Setaro said that as the property owners are brought more into the process they may want to see certain changes made. You want to show it so its' clear, but also a little bit flexible. There are probably going to be some changes, this isn't going to be the final one that we are never going to make changes to.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Christine Kane, Planning Board Chair if when the Planning Board looked at these drawings, did she actually spend time on the specifics? Could the Planning Board look at it again and fill in with their suggestions. Councilman Ramsey asks if that leaves enough time to get this done if the Planning Board meets on the 16th.

Mr. Setaro answered that would leave him enough time. Mr. Setaro will leave documents with Christine Kane for the Planning Board meeting.

Supervisor Blum Bump ...John Clark of Dutchess County Planning has also inputted quite a bit. She confirms that essentially, this is something John Clark has agreed to.

Mr. Setaro stated that the second part of this is for the 2006 Community Development Block Grant which is for the actual construction of two stub pieces. One behind Hannaford and the construction of the stub piece within the Town Hall property. That's what we are working towards, the construction plans for that. That is going to involve moving the recycling area.

Councilman Ramsey said that will be an issue, but not an insurmountable one.

Attorney Chale asked if we have a survey of the area already from some of the other work. Mr. Setaro replied we have a survey but not of the whole Town Hall

Supervisor Blum Bump asked if we gave up on the one acre purchase from the man next door. Do we want to pursue that or stop it?

Councilwoman Crane answered that she had no idea where you are with that.

Councilman Ramsey said it wouldn't have an affect on what we have. It doesn't pertain to this.

Councilwoman Crane feels we should move ahead with what we have to work with. She asks what the timing is on this grant.

Mr. Setaro answered that the 2006 grant should be completed by the end of August. We came up for a time frame with bidding in May.

Attorney Chale thinks that many issues were looked at when we dealt with Hannaford.

Mr. Setaro doesn't see us having any environmental issues. We are shooting to have these plans done by the first of May. He will coordinate with Attorney Chale.

PROPOSED LARKIN BILL ALLOWING TOWN BOARDS TO CHANGE LOCAL SPEED LIMITS ON STATE ROADS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION

Councilman Ramsey has written to our Legislators, our Senators, and our Assemblyman asking for this. We as a Board have supported the Association of Town's request to do this.

Supervisor Blum Bump spoke to State Assemblyman Marcus Molinaro and he said that it was finally gaining a little impetus. He didn't think it would pass this year, but he did say there seems to be more pressure from municipalities because the Towns are experiencing more pressure.

Councilman Ramsey suggests the Board write a letter in support of the Larkin Bill and send it to our State Senator and State Assemblyman since it is a State issue right now.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that the action the Board was asked is whether they'd say yea or nay to the Dutchess County Supervisor's and Mayors Association.

LOSAP: LETTER FROM DEPUTY COMPTROLLER MARK PATTISON INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW OPTIONAL STATE ADMINISTERED SERVICES AWARD PROGRAM FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS.

Attorney Chale stated that this is a new legislation that they are now going to implement because it gives the municipalities the option of instead of having a private administrator to have the State administer those programs. It's just an option but it's something municipalities can look at when they are considering the program.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR THE DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Supervisor Blum Bump read a letter dated March 21, 2007, from Beth Doyle, Development Administrator. They are asking for the Town's input, and she is going to attend the public hearing. What would we want, sidewalks, roads, concerns regarding transportation issues?

Councilman Ramsey agreed infrastructure, roads, recreational facilities, and low income housing/affordable housing. He thinks these are things this Town needs.

Councilwoman Crane testified once asking for priority for senior housing and got it. It became a priority. We had a needs assessment and a committee working on it for two years. We had a pretty strong argument. To come up with something overnight is going to be tough.

Councilwoman Crane's impression is that the CDBG funding is targeted to low income projects. That alone is probably why the Rec. Park was disqualified, and maybe a lot of other projects might be as well. We used to apply for CDBG funding for certain blocks of the Town that had lower income than others.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT ELECTION PROCESS

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Town Clerk McCann if she had further information about the election.

Town Clerk McCann has ordered the voting machines to be delivered on April 25th and Mr. Ronnie Rhynders our election custodian will meet the moving company at all eight districts which is a big help to us. She ordered the list of registered voters which we should receive tomorrow. Town Clerk McCann sent letters to 16 inspectors and is still waiting to hear from three of them. The Public Hearing notice will be published April 4th and everything is pretty well set. Two election custodians will be utilized for this vote.

Councilwoman Crane wanted to know if the Town could sensibly hold the machines for the school elections rather than send them back.

Town Clerk McCann said that would make sense, but when the Villages had their election she asked them to inquire if they could hold those machines here and they were told no.

Councilwoman Crane...it's senseless. We shipped out machines that once belonged to us and pay hundreds of dollars per machine to move them back. Then within the same month the school district has to pay to have them resent to have the school board elections. Who do we appeal to?

Councilman Ramsey doesn't think our commissioners have any say in this, that he believes it's a state wide issue.

Councilwoman Crane is going to call and see what she can find out about this problem. It will save everybody work, aggravation and money. She'll get back to the Board when she finds something out.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that we have someone for the Trails Committee, but we still need someone for the Board of Assessment Review. She wants the Board to be ready for these appointments at next weeks meeting.

Councilman Ramsey asked about the Board of Ethics. He said that the Village of Tivoli wanted a representative on the Board of Assessment Review. Mayor Cordier suggested Domenic Scarpulla. This needs to be done right away because they have to have a class done before they can sit in on grievance day. He would like to appoint him tonight.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we also need to come up with a name for the Board of Ethics.

Councilman Ramsey stated that the Board of Ethics opening has to be a Democrat because of the resignation of Tara Sullivan.

Councilwoman Crane asked about appointing the committee for the Community Preservation Fund that is supposed to act as the oversight board before the referendum. She feels we need to think about it and vote at next Tuesday's meeting. She has some names but feels she can get a few more.

SELLING VEGETABLES AT TOWN HALL

Supervisor Blum Bump referred to a letter she received about selling vegetables to the seniors at Town Hall.

Councilwoman Crane questions how we say yes to this request, and not say yes to everybody that has something to sell.

Attorney Chale suggested referring this to the Senior Services Committee to see if there is a private location where something like this could be done and still accommodate their needs.

RESPONSE FROM DUTCHESS COUNTY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX OF CHAPTER 143 OF THE ZONING LAW

Supervisor Blum Bump let the Board know that the response from the County Planning & Development regarding the amendment they made to the zoning law about the building department said it's a local matter.

LEGISLATION BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS THAT WOULD PROVIDE TAX INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL TOWN OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING FIREFIGHTERS

Supervisor Blum Bump read a letter from the Association of Towns regarding tax incentives for local volunteers. The National Association of Towns and Townships, their partner on federal issues, is asking for support of this legislation. They asked that the Board take a moment to complete a survey and return it to the Association of Towns by April 15, 2007. She asked if anyone felt there was a reason not to. The Board answered the short survey.

HAVA PROJECT – HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT OF 2002

Supervisor Blum Bump said that we often get asked about compliance for voting. This particular issue of the HAVA Quarterly contains information about it. She suggests the Board read it.

Councilwoman Crane asked the Supervisor about a copy of a term easement application they received.

Supervisor Blum Bump wanted the Board to know that someone else applied and it's been forwarded to the Conservation Advisory Council.

Councilwoman Crane is concerned that if it is permanent is there a fee associated with it? The language should be clarified in that easement. We need to make sure the language of the conservation easement states that the house and the associated building envelope are not part of the easement rebate which needs to be stipulated in the law. Can the building envelope be eliminated from the tax abatement?

Attorney Chale answered that they can't be eliminated from the tax abatement. They can be eliminated from the Conservation Easement language.

Councilwoman Crane explained that most people understand that the easement goes with the land. We need to say it clearly.

Attorney Chale thinks the Board needs to talk about some of those applications coming forward; they are coming forward where there is a relationship with an application with the Planning Board. We need to understand what the issues are before the Planning Board and the reasons they are before the Planning Board for that particular easement. She suggests making this an agenda item.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane move to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Ross, Pullaro

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk