

TOWN OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING

April 10, 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 7:45 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Councilwoman Lisa Pullaro
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Absent: Councilman James Ross
Also Present: Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill
Attorney for the Town, Christine Chale

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the Town Board meeting with the following announcements:

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day at Red Hook Recycling Center on June 2, 2007 for Dutchess County residents only. Pre-registration is required. Phone number is 463-6020.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day at the Farm & Home Center in Millbrook on September 1, 2007 for Dutchess County residents only. Pre-registration required. Phone number is 463-6020.

Special Election on May 1, 2007: Public referendum on the Community Preservation Act: A Local Law imposing a two percent real estate transfer tax on the conveyance of interests in real property in the Town, with the revenues derived from this tax to be deposited in the Town of Red Hook Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of preserving open space, agricultural and historic places within the Town.

The Intermunicipal Task Force is holding a Community Meeting at the Town Board Workshop on Wednesday, May 9th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Red Hook Firehouse. At this meeting the Task Force will present the results of the water, sewer and fiscal impact reports and also the draft recommendations of the Task Force. The Mayors and Village Boards of Red Hook and Tivoli are invited to this Community Meeting.

Brenda Cagle announced that Arbor Day for the Village of Red Hook will be April 28th, 2007.

Supervisor Blum Bump would like the Town to jointly proclaim April 28th as Arbor Day.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the Town Board meetings will be held on the following dates in May: May 8, 2007

May 15, 2007

May 22, 2007

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's monthly statement, dated March 31, 2007 was read as follows:
Opening balance - \$1,547,555.33; Receipts - \$2,402,007.77; Disbursed - \$1,025,361.68; Balance - \$2,924,201.42 (copy attached). The Town Board approved budget adjustment prior to closing – General A Fund: Total increase in revenue: (debit) \$24,295.00; Total increase in appropriations: (credit) \$610.00; Offset to the appropriated fund balance: (credit) \$23,685.00

Councilman Ramsey asked what the increase in revenue of \$20,670.00 STAR is due to.

Supervisor Blum Bump will ask Business Manager Deb Marks but she believes it's from taxation.

Councilwoman Crane would like a full explanation of that. It is important to get clarification.

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to accept the Supervisor's report as read with a definition of the budget adjustment forthcoming.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk McCann read the Town Clerk's monthly report for March 2007: Total local shares remitted to Supervisor - \$2,063.29; total non-local revenues - \$349.21, total revenues - \$2,412.50.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to accept the Town Clerk report as read.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the public comment period.

Robert McKeon...regarding the Community Preservation Act, thanked the people involved. He encourages everyone to vote on May 1st, 2007 for this important initiative. Mr. McKeon referred to last weeks meeting where someone mentioned the possibility of appointing the Advisory Committee prior to the referendum and strongly urged the Board to do so. We're trying to get a list together of as many names as possible who might qualify to serve on the Advisory Board. He strongly suggests when considering the active farmer that is required to serve, the farmer not be an individual who owns lands that may qualify for funding from the Community Preservation Act. He means no farmers that have lands that development rights could be purchased from or land where they have been purchased. This is an Advisory Committee that will only make recommendations to the Board. The Board is the only entity that can approve funds that can be spent on behalf of taxpayers. He does not want his name considered for inclusion because he personally owns land that could conceivably one day be eligible for funding depending upon the process. That would leave you with farmers who are renting land, and that are actively participating in agriculture. He feels the two Villages should have representation on the Advisory Board.

Supervisor Blum Bump told Mr. McKeon that the Board planned on appointing them at the April 17th meeting if we have names lined up and the people agree.

Linda Keeling...the agenda was submitted two minutes before the end of the day. Board members requested the agenda be posted on Friday before the meeting so they as well as the community can look at it. It's very important. You also stated tonight that you are adding items to the agenda that no one else knows about.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered the draft agenda was out the day before the meeting and the final agenda was put together today.

Micki Strawinski had a copy of the draft agenda printed from the day before the meeting.

Linda Keeling ... that was Monday, it wasn't there on Friday.

Christine Kane asked what the process was if someone wanted to submit their name to be considered to serve on the Advisory Committee.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered the interested party should send a letter of interest addressed to the Supervisor and Town Board stating their background in historic preservation, farming, or land preservation. Is the interested party from the Village or the Town? The letter of interest should be sent in immediately, before the April 17th meeting.

Charlie Laing sent his letter of interest and wants to know if the Board received it. Councilwoman Crane informed Charlie Laing that they received his letter about a month ago.

With no further comments Supervisor Blum Bump closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATION FROM WATER BOARD CHAIRMAN, HANK VAN PARYS

Supervisor Blum Bump welcomed Water Department Chairman, Hank VanParys.

Water Board Chairman Hank VanParys presented the annual report of the Town Water District #1 and the annual water quality report for 2006. The Town Water Board is responsible for a Town water district that was created in the mid 80's which is primarily in Linden Acres and College Park and associated properties. It's treated as a special district, meaning the funding comes from the district, not the Town. It is run by the Town Board, with an Advisory Water Board. As far as System Operation, we contract with Richard Cain, Inc. who operates 40 or 50 small districts mostly in Southern Dutchess. We have been using him since the year 2000. In 2006, the major area of interest was our filter system. We installed a filter system about three years ago because our water supply is subject to influence by a nearby pond. The system is working fine and the cartridges are lasting longer than they expected. We are not growing much anymore. There are not a whole lot of vacant lots in the Linden Acre area. We had to clear the trees from the power lines near the pump house. The biggest problem was a pump control issue. A sensor that turns the pump on and off failed since they can't be fixed, it needed to be replaced. It didn't leave anyone without water in the mean time. For 2007 we will continue to do what we've been doing. We'll provide good water reliably, safely and operate in a business environment that manages our expenses. We'll need to clear some of the right of ways periodically so that they will be accessible if we need to get in there. We'd like to get mapping on GIS. As far as Capital Improvements, we can't yet justify any at this point. We send samples twice a month to check for bacteria and so far we are always clean. Some tests we do every year, and we also produce an annual quality of water report. Our total revenue was \$120,000. Operating expenses are about \$80,000 which is pretty constant. We have two reserve funds: a transmission reserve and a reconstruction reserve. Transmission reserve is essentially for new water lines, extensions, etc. and the reconstruction reserve is aimed at reconditioning our water tanks. Our total reserves increased from \$384,000 to \$422,000 last year. When we have to recondition the tank it will probably cost over a half million dollars. Those reserves will hopefully get us to the point where we won't have to incur additional debt.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Water Board Chairman VanParys about glass lined water tanks that don't require the upkeep. Why was the painted tower chosen over the glass lined?

Councilwoman Pullaro thanked Mr. Van Parys for changing his schedule and giving his presentation tonight.

Water Board Chair VanParys said our engineering firm at the time recommended the one we have. Probably the best one today would be pre-stressed concrete which requires almost no maintenance. If you keep the tanks maintained they should last a long time. We are so fortunate to have such great water, we have plenty of it, and the well levels never drop over a couple of feet.

Marcy Appell said she thinks we are very fortunate to have Hank VanParys.

REPORT FROM DAVID SEYMOUR, DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Supervisor Blum Bump introduced Mr. David Seymour from the Dutchess County Legislature.

County Legislator David Seymour announced the county is looking into a GPS system for mapping all of the roads in Dutchess County. I just came from a caucus and they are putting together an agenda of items they will be looking at on April 16. The basic highlights includes family and children services, public works and capital projects committees, public health and safety, government services and administration committees have about twelve appointments that they are going to be looking at. Finance, which is probably going to take a lot of our time, is looking for expenditures for new equipment and also for road work. As of today there are 15 resolutions to look at. Hopefully at Red Hook's next meeting he will be able to report the progress of the legislature's meeting. He also announced the Hazardous Waste Day for Dutchess County residents to take advantage of.

ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that this week we received our plaque and flag for becoming a Tree City, USA. She thanked the CAC and CAC Chair, Brenda Cagle for all the work they did. She read the Arbor Day Proclamation and announced April 28th, 2007 as Arbor Day in the Town of Red Hook.

CAC Chair Brenda Cagle said the Village will be planting a memorial tree in Memorial Park. They will plant about 20 trees, and the Town will be giving out about 100 seedlings, probably at the Recycling Center. They are working with Doug Strawinski to plan a planting at the Rec Park. They need volunteers.

Supervisor Blum Bump...the CAC is also working with a National Day of Climate Action group gathering support in their efforts to reduce carbon emissions. She read a letter of support of these initiatives.

Councilwoman Pullaro announced that Owen O'Connor did a lot of work on this and she and Owen worked together along with the other members of the CAC to finalize the statement. The CAC asked for our support by way of signing the letter.

INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE REPORT

Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill referred to his report of March 24th. Right now the Task Force is on track and he announced the Community Meeting on May 9, 2007 at the Firehouse. At that meeting he proposes to present the result of the three studies, the water aquifer protection report by Russell Urban Mead, the sewer feasibility study by C. T. Male and the fiscal impact analysis by Peter Fairweather. His presentation on May 9th will get right down to the nitty gritty numbers. There is so much that has to be explored, the gateway around the villages, the question of the river estates district, and the specific issue of Tivoli and the hamlets are still being worked on.

REORGANIZATION CONTINUED

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that there are vacancies on the Trails Committee, the Board of Assessment Review and the Board of Ethics. She has a name for each of those vacancies. Ralph Choinsky for the Trails Committee, Domenic Scarpulla for the Board of Assessment Review and for the Board of Ethics, Gail Nussbaum.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, moved to appoint Ralph Choinsky for the Trails Committee, term to expire December 31, 2008; Domenic Scarpulla for the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire September 30, 2009 and Gail Nussbaum to serve on the Board of Ethics, term to expire December 31, 2007.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

Councilman Ramsey strongly suggests the Supervisor notify the people especially Domenic Scarpulla, Board of Assessment Review, because he needs training before the end of May. Supervisor Blum Bump will notify.

Town Clerk Sue McCann reminded the Supervisor that the Ethics Committee reappointments still had to be made.

On a motion by Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro, move to appoint Fr. Fred Cartier as Chairman of the Ethics Committee, term to expire December 31, 2007; and to reappoint Fr. Fred Cartier, Claire Horst, and Linda Keeling, terms to expire December 31, 2011.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

Councilman Ramsey referred to the previous motion regarding Gail Nussbaum's appointment to the Ethics Committee. That it is a four year term because she is filling the term vacated by Tara Sullivan.

Town Clerk, Sue McCann also reminded the Supervisor of the appointment of John Hardeman for the Farmland Protection Committee.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that she didn't get a hold of him and will do that by next week.

Supervisor Blum Bump stated that for the Community Preservation Advisory Committee we need to have four members with a background in land preservation, one active farmer, two community members of the Advisory Community, one from the Village of Red Hook, and one from the Village of Tivoli. One would come from a background of historic preservation. She asked the Board if they agreed with the makeup of the Advisory Committee.

Councilwoman Crane would like to clarify what we mean by background in land preservation. What do we mean by that?

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that one example is Christine Kane, who works for a land trust; others might work for Dutchess Land Conservancy or for the Department of Environmental Protection.

Robert McKeon said that all the individual's names on the list are residents of Red Hook. It's a list of individuals asked by various committees to try to come up with a list of people who might fulfill the qualifications.

Councilwoman Pullaro asked Supervisor Blum Bump if all the people whose names are on the list are people who approached her or a member of the Board as well as names given to the Board by other people for consideration.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that everyone was asked to come forward. All the Board members were asked.

Councilwoman Pullaro asked if it's a true statement that all the people on the list have agreed to serve if appointed.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that some have and some haven't.

Councilwoman Pullaro thinks it would be helpful for those of us who don't know these individuals and their particular background to have the paperwork with their resume in front of us to compare. We want to have a nice mix of members so they complement each other. In this particular case since it is up for a referendum, it is imperative that we all have the background information on these individuals. She wants to make sure that the individuals are willing to serve and they all submit the same type of information so that we can review all of them equally.

Councilman Ramsey has names that have been given to him, but until he asks if they are willing to serve, he doesn't want to bring them forward. He thought we were going to have the names in by the April 17th meeting.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we agreed that we would try to come to some decision by next week.

Councilman Ramsey will submit names when they come to him.

Councilwoman Crane has a couple of names but she had not conferred with them to see if they would be willing to serve. The names include Pete Hubbell who is a surveyor, Marcy Appell, the former Chair of the Planning Board, Geoffrey Carter who is with Historic Hudson Valley. She'd like to speak with Kelly Mosher, an Attorney; she could bring a lot to the committee if she is willing to spend the time. It may be that people will be willing to serve on this committee because there will be limited amount of time spent on this. As far as the farmers are concerned, she isn't convinced that she agrees that the person need not ever qualify for any of these PDR's or easements. There is a rotation of members and she believes that if a farmer were to serve and wish to be considered for a PDR or other opportunities, he could resign. She is not convinced that she agrees with that rationale. She has two members of the Ag & Open Space Committee that she was considering recommending, Larry Thetford and Rich Biezynski. Charlie Laing submitted a wonderful resume and she could certainly support him. She agrees that Talia Finke would be a wonderful member too.

Robert McKeon commented that he would not recommend Marcy Appell because of technical reasons. She sits on the County Planning Board and actually makes recommendations for county funding. This is a good example with Chuck Simmons of Wil-Hi Farm where Marcy would actually be making perhaps recommendations for funding at Town level, and then receives perhaps the same application on the County level. Clearly she would be a wonderful choice though.

Marcy Appell thinks though that anybody could abstain if a situation like that came up.

Charlie Laing asked what the terms are for membership on the Community Preservation Advisory Board.

Councilwoman Crane said it's specified that there is a rotation.

Councilman Ramsey said it specifies is that Board members terms shall be staggered.

Councilwoman Crane stated the Advisory Board should be staggered. It shall consist of seven members who shall serve without compensation, no members of the Town Board shall serve, and members initially appointed to the board shall serve staggered terms as follows: Three members shall be appointed for a three year term, three members for a two year term, and two members appointed to a one year term.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced to the PANDA audience that if they would like to serve on the Advisory Board to give the Town Board their name and background.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Town Clerk McCann if there were more reorganization appointments to be made.

Town Clerk McCann answered that the Water Board reappointments still had to be made. Nick Annas, Richard Franklin and Mike Leedy still needed to be reappointed.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro, move to reappoint Nick Annas, Richard Franklin and Mike Leedy to the Water Board term to expire December 31, 2008.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROCESS TO CONCLUDE 2005 GRANT

Supervisor Blum Bump reported that she and Councilman Ramsey are working with the County and the engineer. They have one more meeting with them and hopefully will be able to complete that grant. It's for the engineering, surveying, establishing and placing on the official Town map, the road that used to be called the connector road.

PURCHASE OF RECREATIONAL PARK LAND

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro move to go to executive session for attorney/client discussion at 9:10 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to close executive session at 9:40 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey moves to reopen the Board meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

Attorney Chale had a report regarding the potential acquisition of recreation land. We have a proposed agreement presented by the sellers, Migliorelli/Leone, regarding a parcel of 27.75 acres located off Linden Avenue just south of Knox Road. This parcel is part of a subdivision in front of the Planning Board. They received conditional approval from the Planning Board for subdivision of that parcel. They agreed to sell the parcel to the Town for a total purchase price of \$450,000. The purchase agreement would be subject to the condition of the Boards approval of the purchase and that resolution would be subject to permissive referendum as would the resolution approving financing for that acquisition. We have a purchase agreement for the Board to consider. There will be several steps, and she has an Environmental Assessment Form for the Board's consideration. There is a resolution authorizing the purchase and one to authorize the finance. With the board's permission she will review the Environmental Assessment Form. The Board agreed and Attorney Chale read the information regarding the acquisition of recreational land. She went through the site description and the project description which is described simply as the acquisition of the parcel. She referred to a map which identifies potential wetlands which have to be taken into account, and the neighboring properties. She continued reviewing the Environmental Assessment Form and in regard to Part II, the Board should consider the questions and answer. All issues are related to the acquisition. There is a proposed resolution authorizing filing of a negative declaration.

RESOLUTION 2007 # 69

RE: AUTHORIZING FILING OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING ACQUISITION OF A LAND PARCEL FROM MIGLIORELLI/LEONE DATED APRIL 10, 2007

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey, move to accept the resolution as read.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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RESOLUTION 2007 # 70

RE: WHEREAS, THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUPPORTS THE PROMOTION OF OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND THE TOWN'S OPEN SPACE PLAN IDENTIFIED THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL SPACE IN THE TOWN

On a motion of Councilman Harold Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to accept the resolution as read.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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RESOLUTION 2007 # 71

RE: BOND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PARCEL OF LAND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$450,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE SUPERVISOR.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey, move to adopt the resolution as read.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

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Councilman Ramsey thanked Attorney Chale for all the time working with the different parties to get this in place. He very much appreciates what she's done.

Supervisor Blum Bump also thanked Attorney Chale and Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill who started talking to the owners of this land 2 ½ years ago.

BOARD, COMMITTEE AND DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Purchasing:

Councilwoman Crane read the Purchasing Report from Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy. Purchasing activities from March 14 to April 9, 2007; 25 Purchase Orders were issued in the amount of \$16,916.26. The largest to Innovation Municipal Products for Ice-B' Gone, an additive to road salt in the amount of \$2961. The door entrance work to the Assessor's Office was completed; Purchasing Agent Kudzy is looking into improving moisture conditions at the Records room downstairs, and he said the ladies room needs some refurbishing work including the floors. Our emergency generators were serviced this past week.

Zoning Review Committee:

Councilwoman Crane reported that the Committee met on March 8th and reviewed a number of issues that they intend to wrestle with. A number of them have been looked at in the past and have not been resolved. There were maybe a dozen with either inconsistencies or lack of zoning for a number of issues. Because there were so many they prioritized them starting with adult entertainment, looking at whether or not we should have something specific in our zoning code to address it in the community or allowing for it. The next issue is multi-family dwellings – density in numbers. There

will be a meeting on April 12th at Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. addressing multi-family dwellings.

Ag & Open Space Committee:

Robert McKeon reported that they are trying to fill a vacancy on the committee.

Dog Control:

Councilwoman Crane reported that for the month of March Dog Control Officer Cecil Moore picked up three stray dogs. He worked on license renewal with Town Clerk Sue McCann. He continues to patrol Red Hook and Tivoli. Dog Control Officer Moore urges people to check their dog runs, fences and chains after the winter to make sure their dogs stay on the owner's property.

Senior Services Committee:

Councilwoman Crane reported the committee will meet on Friday. There will be an application process within a month for Red Hook Commons. It's almost ready to go. Ken Kearney, the developer will be using the Firehouse for the application process. People will be going there for a full two weeks and the developer will have more than enough staff on hand to handle applications.

Councilwoman Pullaro asked how many people attended the informational session. Councilwoman Crane answered about 220 people came to the presentation. A few were from outside of Red Hook, but most were Town and Village residents. They had an opportunity to meet with the developer and ask questions regarding rentals, how much space was available and so on. People very much appreciated meeting with him. There were people in their 40's who were there concerned about their relatives, but mostly the people were seniors from the area interested in the apartments.

Highway Report:

Councilman Ramsey reported about parking situation at Mill Road School. He talked with the school district and that will be on hold until summer vacation to alleviate any problems with changes. Gas tank bids are going out and highway specs are being written right now by Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand. They should be done soon and will go to Attorney Chale for review before we send them out. Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand hopes to get them out in preparation for a bid opening in late May or early June to get the tanks replaced. Regarding the new street sweeper, it is on order and is scheduled to arrive on May 20th. The highway department asked Councilman Ramsey to apologize to the public for not getting the streets swept as quickly as they should have. They are behind schedule with the old sweeper that broke down. If the new sweeper arrives on the 20th they will be out there eight hours a day making sure the streets are cleaned up. Mr. Martin's drainage plans were turned over to the Highway Superintendent and were Ok'd by him. These are the plans on Orlich Road. The plans will be forwarded to Attorney Chale. If she okay's the plan and Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand okays it those plans will come back to the Town Board so that we can authorize Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand to put it on his plans for the year. Once done, he will get that work done this year. This will hopefully alleviate Mr. Martin's concerns. Finally, on the Innishannon project, those plans are almost complete. Councilman Ramsey spoke with Mr. Willard. They planned on doing a bore drilling in the center of the cul-de-sac, but that was an unknown and fairly expensive proposition. Councilman Ramsey went back to the engineer and asked him if there were any alternatives. They came back with resurfacing the cul-de-sac and angling it the right way. He put plans together for that. He has not yet gotten a final cost though. This will be less than doing the boring. We think we can divert the water in such a way where we don't cause any erosion.

Recreation Committee:

Councilman Ramsey regarding the Recreation Committee, they are very appreciative of the land acquisition we are looking at right now. As far as the Rec Park, the fields are being prepped getting ready for spring ball. Some work needs to be done on the pavilion. This year the senior picnic will be held in Red Hook. There is a large drop off at the pavilion that needs to be fixed and they are working with the highway crew to do that. They are also looking into putting gutters on the pavilion to prevent that from happening again. The wetlands trail is basically complete except for the bridge area. Lee

Cookingham was very helpful in driving the posts for the bridges. He didn't charge for his work and we are very appreciative of the work he did. He did a great job. The tree planting will be on Arbor Day on the other end of the park towards Apple Ring Road. A good amount of work has been done, but he singles out Rec Committee Chair, Doug Strawinski who single-handedly spearheaded the project and has been pushing this forward. The playground work is being planned for the spring. The Red Hook Mom's Group has requested a larger sandbox, a track around the playground for the smaller children to ride their bikes and so on. The Rec Committee understands the need and is moving forward on the issues. They are looking at the possibility of a new scoreboard, which will hopefully be donated.

Disaster Preparedness Committee:

Councilman Ramsey reported that they reviewed the existing plan and assignments were given out to come back with updates based on their field. The pet rescue addendum will be brought up at their next meeting on April 25th. They discussed the possibility of purchasing a generator to put into different sites if needed.

Economic Development Committee: Councilman Ramsey reported that the EDC is considering spending \$2,000 to \$3,000 on an internet marketing data base. They are working on this in conjunction with the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce and Theresa Haney is spearheading this for the EDC. This came out of some of the work Theresa did on internet marketing creating an e-mail data base. The Chamber is willing to work with us. They have most of the money in their budget. Chairman Doug Moat has been working with Dutchess County EDC regarding a tax analysis study for Red Hook. They had a discussion on the upcoming CPA. They feel there is not a lot known about the program and they would have liked to have more information about that. He heard there are flyers and an upcoming briefing seminar coming up at the middle school that the Chamber is spearheading. He believes Robert McKeon is one speaker. He understands that people can ask questions regarding the CPA fund. They will look at it from both sides. They hope to get the word out to the public. The internet marketing plan along with the data base is moving forward. It is tied in with Mayor Cordier from the Village of Tivoli. He would like to see the Tivoli business community tied into this a little more. The EDC was disappointed that they got dropped from the agenda again. They were moved to the 10th of April for PANDA coverage, now they've been moved again to May.

Supervisor Blum Bump said the Intermunicipal Task Force wants them to come to any or all of the three remaining Friday morning meetings so that they can have an in depth discussion of any and all concerns, then when all the information is exchanged we would set aside almost a full meeting or whatever time they would need to give their report. She said they did want discussions but they didn't make it to any of the meetings.

Councilman Ramsey answered that EDC Chair Doug Moat did make a number of the meetings and the presentation they were planning was not the Task Force presentation. They asked for two years to be put on the agenda and they have been pushed off every time. They are frustrated and feel the Town Board doesn't want to hear them.

Councilwoman Crane doesn't understand why there is a problem putting this committee on the agenda.

Supervisor Blum Bump said they will be on the agenda for May 8th.

Councilman Ramsey said the concern he has is one, they were moved to the 10th to allow the EDC to present in front of PANDA. Secondly, by putting them on the agenda for May 8th, you are putting them on after the CPA vote and if they had any questions or concerns regarding the CPA, it would be too late. That is why they wanted to be here to voice their concerns and present their positive and negative findings.

Councilwoman Pullaro asks why they can't be at our next meeting and film that for PANDA as well.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that because they have so many concerns, they can have a conversation with the Intermunicipal Task Force on all of them. The Task Force is inviting them to the next three meetings.

Councilman Ramsey doesn't know what the concerns are that she is alluding to. They are a committee and have asked to come in and present their annual report to the Town Board for the last two years and they've been shut down for each of the last two years.

Supervisor Blum Bump...they are on the agenda for May 8th and she will make sure they will be put on PANDA. She thinks they should have a conversation with the Task Force.

Councilman Ramsey... they've asked specifically to come in front of the Town Board, not the Task Force. He will leave it at that...let's move on.

Councilwoman Pullaro asks why we can't reinstate them for the April 17th meeting.

Councilman Ramsey referred to phone conversations and he learned just two days ago they were moved to May 8th.

Supervisor Blum Bump restated that they will be on May 8th and she will make sure that PANDA will be at the meeting.

Miscellaneous Topics:

Councilman Ramsey reported that they are still working on the street light issue with Attorney Chale and Town Engineer Dan Wheeler. The maps that show the lighting district are just about done. There is no extra charge. Councilman Ramsey is working with the New York State DOT on Route 9 traffic and speeding issues. We put a resolution in for speeding on Route 9G and it does not appear the speeding drop is going to happen. They are willing to work with us and Bard College and they asked to have another follow up meeting on other possibilities. He will be working with Mr. Mike Cotton and will try to get hold of Jim Brudvig or Ken Cooper from Bard College as Tara Sullivan is no longer there. On a better note on 9G, the 9G-Kelley Road light will be put up. We've worked on that for ten years. It will hopefully be done within the next two months. Councilman Ramsey has asked the State DOT to put warnings out about the new light. He also continues to work with the State DOT and Dutchess County DPW on the River Road, Barrytown Road, Kidd Lane, Lasher Road and the Route 9 north issues. He got approval to put more speed limits signs on Lasher Road at our discretion as long as we keep them with what's there.

Conservation Advisory Council:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported about the joint proclamation of Arbor Day on April 28th. Tonight we signed the Climate Change statement supporting their efforts in the national day of climate awareness. We also talked about the hazardous waste day on June 2nd which will be at the recycling center. Zoe Riel of the CAC has given us numerous changes to the recycling center web site. They will update the brochures too. The next meeting of the CAC will be on April 11th. She thanked Water Department Chairman, Hank VanParys for his presentation to the Board and for being at the meeting tonight.

Assessor's Report:

Supervisor Blum Bump read the Assessor's report for the month of March. The Assessor submitted his analysis of assessments to MJW Consulting. It included changes in all land values, changes in over 2,000 residential properties and changes in commercial properties in the Village of Tivoli. After discussions with MJW Consulting and Harry Girdlestone, of NY ORPS, he determined the trending for the Town of the 2008 assessment roll. The Assessor completed an analysis of the development known as Fairways at Red Hook, to determine the type of ownership of the real property.

Greenway and Trails Committee:

Supervisor Blum Bump reported that the committee meets the first Thursday of every month starting at 7:00 p.m. sharp in the conference room in the Town Hall. They made a recommendation to the Town Board, and the Town Board approved the use of River

Road/Annandale Road as the completion of the State Greenway Trail through the Town of Red Hook. They appointed Robert George as a new member. The Committee is attending the Mid-Hudson River Reach and Legacy Trails Project for the quad centennial.

Police Report:

Supervisor Blum Bump reported there were 29 registered complaints including alarms and lockouts. 27 uniform traffic tickets, no parking tickets, 7 accidents investigated, 4 arrests and 3 EMS aided calls.

Grant Update:

Supervisor Blum Bump read the grant update. We have three grants, the Legislative Member Item Grant for the Wetlands Trail Walk, the Quality Communities Grant which funded the fiscal analysis impact study, and the Community Development Block Grant for 2005 which is for the surveying, engineering and the making of the official town map and placing that road on that official town map. The Quality Communities Grant is nearing its completion.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Linda Keeling... regarding Disaster Preparedness - does the Town know where the handicapped people live?

Councilman Ramsey...that came up and we don't know how to do it. The rescue squad has some of that information. He thinks it's a good idea but he's not sure how to do that. He would like her to attend the next meeting of the Disaster Preparedness Committee on April 25th and bring that up. If not, he will bring it up to the Committee. It's not an easy issue. You have to keep up with the information otherwise you can cause more harm than good.

Supervisor Blum Bump replied that many people rely on their neighbors. It is a concern at every level.

Linda Keeling asked where we are with St. Margaret's and where we are going.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that the St. Margaret's Committee hopes the Mill Street Loft will begin using it in May. The Town Board will discuss legal issues next week and will be taking some voting action.

Councilwoman Crane asked how that will be able to open in May with a building that hasn't been open in months, maybe even a year or more.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that it will be discussed at the workshop.

Councilwoman Crane asked who will report to the Board the condition of the building.

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that Town Historian Winty Aldrich did one part, and she can ask him or Amy Dubin to come in again. Town Historian Aldrich recommended discussing this whole suggestion from the St. Margaret's Committee with the Attorney to work out the details of insurance and let them proceed with the project. She did ask Amy Dubin for a checklist of what the very next steps were. She expects it any day. We should discuss this with our Attorney.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes 4	Blum Bump, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays 0	
	Absent 1	Ross

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk