

TOWN OF RED HOOK BOARD MEETING

May 15, 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
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Councilwoman Lisa Pullaro
Town Clerk Susan McCann
Also Present: Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill
Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

The Supervisors monthly statement, dated April 30, 2007 was read as follows:
Opening balance - \$2,924,201.42; Receipts - \$305,731.07; Disbursed - \$461,631.96;
Balance - \$2,768,300.53 (copy attached). Town Board approved budget adjustments prior to closing for April 2007 – General A Fund: Increase in appropriations: \$1,300 for the Engineer and \$2.00 Interest for the Rec Park; offset to the appropriated fund balance: increase (debit) \$1,302.00; Highway DB Fund: increase in appropriations \$1,500.00; increase in appropriated fund balance \$1,500.00 (copy attached)

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Pullaro, move to accept the Supervisor's report as read.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
Nays 0

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk McCann read the Town Clerk's monthly report for April 2007: Total local share remitted to Supervisor - \$1,511.94; Total non-local revenues - \$1,015.16; Total revenues - \$2,527.10

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump, move to accept the Town Clerk's report as read.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
Nays 0

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting to a public comment period.

Kris Munn expressed concern about the EDC report. He thinks the Board should give thought to committee members.

Supervisor Blum Bump closed the public comment period.

DISMISSAL OF LAWSUITS

Supervisor Blum Bump read a letter from Keane & Beane regarding lawsuits, Lerrick v. Town of Red Hook and Sieverding v. Town of Red Hook. The Town made a formal motion to dismiss both Article 78 decisions and both lawsuits were dismissed.

RECREATIONAL PARK LAND ACQUISITION

Attorney Chale informed the Board that we have solicited proposals for an environmental assessment for necessary steps for continuing with the acquisition. We are concurrently doing a title search, and then will schedule to close.

RESOLUTION 2007 #80

RE: THAT THE SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND ECOSYSTEMS STRATEGIES, INC., AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH AGREEMENT.

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

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	0	

Attorney Chale informed the Board that the next step would be to engage an engineer to develop a master plan.

Supervisor Blum Bump why would the engineer be responsible for the master plan. He should be responsible for the engineering.

Attorney Chale said he's for designing.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked why not have the Planners design in conjunction with the engineer.

Attorney Chale answered that's appropriate but this is in terms of having him work with the Rec Park Commission to actually create a plan for what to do with the space. You have to take into account wetlands and a lot of engineering issues involved in designing the space. We would ask the Planners and the engineer to work concurrently in terms of SEQR analysis.

Councilman Ramsey understands that we should be soliciting bids for the engineering work that needs to be done.

Supervisor Blum Bump suggested using our Town Engineer, Morris Associates.

Councilman Ramsey will get a proposal from Morris Associates and bring it back to the next meeting. They've got some details for the land. They worked with us earlier in a very general way to get an understanding if this property was adequate. Now we can get a more detailed layout. We have to work with the Rec Committee and the engineer on that.

Attorney Chale suggested having Morris Associates give the Board a proposed scope for the project and do it in two steps: an acceptable design, then plans and specs.

Councilman Ramsey would like, with approval from the Board, to go to our other Town Engineer, Wheeler Engineering, to understand what their costs are to make an educated decision if we are getting the right work for our money.

Councilman Ross stated that we should get something by going out to bid.

Councilman Ramsey...for professional services we don't have to go out to bid. To get the details and feasibility, we have to get a quote from them on what it would cost to put it down in detail.

Councilman Ross...this is a separate project and we don't know what it's going to cost. We should have enough information for Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy, and if he has questions about details, he can speak to someone from the Rec Committee or either one of our authorized Town engineers. Then we can have a package that is the same that can go to everyone who might be interested in bidding on this for the design work.

Councilman Ramsey...typically we don't go to bid for engineering work.

Councilman Ross... if it's a project, yes, we do go out for bid for hiring them for that, depending on the scope of the project.

Councilman Ramsey is talking about getting a quote on the cost of the engineering, not the feasibility study or not the actual work on the land. That'll go out to bid. The layout of the engineering work, he doesn't believe we've gone out to bid on that.

Councilman Ross... as long as they both give us a price based on the same thing.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Attorney Chale if there is a time line for the closing.

Attorney Chale ... we're working to get it done as soon as we get those two results. We need the Phase I complete for the closing.

ST. MARGARET'S – PROGRESS TOWARDS SUMMER USE BY MILL STREET LOFT

Supervisor Blum Bump was hoping to have an estimate of the cost by today. She spoke with Winty Aldrich and Amy Dubin of the St. Margaret's Committee. Mill Street Loft is still considering and hoping to use the space this summer. She did get the scope of the work from Doug Strawinski; she was hoping to get an estimate from him. The electricity should be turned on, and a few fixtures need to be installed. The water needs to be turned on, the front steps need a handrail and some repair. Repair is needed on a leaky section of the roof. That was everything that the Code Enforcement Officer, Steve Cole, said needed to be done in order to bring it up to code for its use.

Councilwoman Crane referred to a communication from Gary Beck who also gave a list of 8 items that needed to be completed before Central Hudson would restore power. There is basement work to be done, first floor work to be done, and second floor work to be done. What is the status of that?

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that Doug Strawinski was hired to oversee the project. Phase I is what absolutely had to be done in order for use this summer, and further phases that can take place later on. We were supposed to receive an estimate for Phase I.

Councilwoman Crane is concerned that the repairs are pretty extensive.

Councilman Ramsey has concerns regarding the report from Code Inspector Steve Cole. Along with the electrical work he has 11 items listed, some cleanup. He stated that the front steps need to be replaced to make them ADA accessible. The driveway needs all new stones, the ceiling on the porch needs work, and there are rotten soffits that can be done at a later time. The first floor bathroom needs replacement of floor and commode. That's extensive work and he's not sure that can be done by June 1st. The electrical and plumbing work are critical and he can't see how they can be done by June, and at what cost? We acquired this building with the understanding that any extensive work would be done with grant money.

Supervisor Blum Bump remembered to tell the Board that the grant we are reapplying for this year before the end of the June deadline is for \$500,000.

Councilwoman Pullaro said we need a quote from an electrical contractor so that we can get in there and see what else needs to be done.

Councilwoman Crane is concerned that we need to authorize the expenditures.

Councilman Ramsey said even if we give the authorization, that leaves one week to do the electrical work, let alone all the other work that needs to be done. He's afraid we'll cut corners in order to bring in Mill Street Loft.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that Doug Strawinski has already done much of the work and he did say that it would be somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000. He has a grip on what has to be done and he's spoken to some people who will be doing the work.

Would the Board consider going with that cost of somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000?

Councilwoman Pullaro wants to see if the amount addresses all of the items.

Councilman Ross believes at the last meeting we approved Doug Strawinski and we approved him hiring the electricians that we usually use for Town things. Then we'll have the electricity on and we can get a better idea of what else needs to be done. Doug can get back to us after that.

Councilwoman Crane is not prepared to vote to move ahead until we have more information.

Councilman Ross suggested waiting to see where we stand. We don't even know if the electric is being worked on. Let's ask Doug the status of the electricity.

Supervisor Blum Bump will get the information from Doug and get it to the Board as soon as she can. We'll wait until next week.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the grant application (Endeavor) will be reviewed and sent in. We are applying for up to \$500,000. Supervisor Blum Bump said there is no additional charge for the grant.

INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE REPORT

Supervisor Blum Bump introduced Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill.

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill thanked everyone for attending the Community meeting. He presented a Zoning Amendments timeline so the Board would have an idea of a timeline in respect to the proposal the task force presented. The entire report is also on the Town website. The Task Force is talking about setting up meetings with some of the groups in the community that have shown an interest in their work. The Task Force invited the Town Board to attend their meetings on Friday mornings. He'd like if one or two Board members could be there. The Task Force will also ask the Town Board to allow them make a presentation at workshops beginning in June. They'd like about a half hour to present without interruption.

Supervisor Blum Bump suggests a special workshop on May 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. for all the members to meet with the Task Force to review the zoning proposals.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that we are continuing the process and the Community Preservation Plan is the next step in the process. She asked how we might go about that. She asked Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill to discuss what has been discussed at the Intermunicipal Task Force meeting regarding the Community Preservation Plan.

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill said the subject was brought up about whether the Task Force could be used to work on the plan and the Task Force felt they could to it if they were directed to do.

Supervisor Blum Bump... because you have the Mayors of the two Villages and the Planning Board you're pretty well represented. We should consider that.

Attorney Chale ... it's the Town Board's decision to decide what committee it wants to delegate to create a plan. We have one year from the day of the adoption of the law.

Robert McKeon, Agricultural and Open Space Chair said that he has a copy of the Town of Warwick's plan who worked with Greenplan in order to draft it, so there is experience to draw from. He will provide the Supervisor's office with a copy.

Attorney Chale noted that the effective date is August 1, 2007. There is an exception to the law for existing contracts so there are specific requirements for that. People can reach out to Attorney Chale for information.

Councilman Ross feels the plan should be one of the charges of the committee that is to be formed.

Councilwoman Pullaro suggested that all applicants send resumes.

Councilwoman Crane has two new names to add – Jim Hegstetter, and Victor Behoriam.

County Legislator Dave Seymour suggested choosing one from Tivoli and one from the Village of Red Hook. He asked if there is a filing date or deadline for people to express interest.

Supervisor Blum Bump will get in touch with all the people. The resumes should be in by June 12th.

Councilman Ramsey has letters of interest from Gale Knull, Nick Annas, and Tivoli Mayor Tom Cordier gave him the names of Tivoli residents Susan Escarti and Richard Biezynski.

MILAN ARCHER MINE (RED WING): COMMENTS REGARDING D.E.I.S.

Attorney Chale told the Board that comments must be submitted by May 21, 2007.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Supervisor Blum Bump has copies of the Town of Red Hook connector road project site plan from Morris Associates for the Board members.

Attorney Chale said they have two different documents. The project plans for the connector road and also the draft official map. They would require SEQR approval. She suggested scheduling a workshop to go over the plans after everyone looked at them.

FILING OF AGRA-GATE FARM PETITION

Supervisor Blum Bump and Councilwoman Crane recused themselves at 8:40 p.m.

Councilman Ross chaired the meeting in the absence of the Supervisor.

Attorney Chale discussed the resolution regarding Agra-Gate Farm. It was determined that because of a conflict of interest, in order for the Board to consider the PDR we would need to have conditional approval. She prepared a court petition to the Supreme Court to consider this. The Board was advised not to proceed with a public hearing on this particular project pending the outcome of the court proceeding. We received information from Scenic Hudson who defined attributes of this particular farm that makes it the cornerstone of this northern Red Hook assemblage. They ask that we move forward with this. All the courts ruling will do is allow you to consider it. At that point, they you can have the public hearings and proceed as you always do.

Attorney Chale said that the Board would then be authorized to proceed with consideration. It does not direct you in any way. It only says, yes, you are allowed to move forward and consider the purchase.

Councilman Ramsey ... at this point we can't really do much of anything on this property as far as getting appraisals or any other work

Attorney Chale...the appraisals were attained through Scenic Hudson

Councilman Ross didn't like the appraisals obtained 6 months ago. He doesn't even think that Scenic Hudson was comfortable with the appraisers they hired. Scenic Hudson weren't going to pay 50% for some of these parcels.

Attorney Chale confirmed that the Boards consideration of the issues would depend on the outcome of the decision. We need to seek approval to proceed then decide what else you want to do.

Councilman Ross wants an additional appraisal. On two of the parcels he sees the value of spending taxpayer's money; three of them he cannot.

Councilman Ramsey ... this resolution is only petitioning the Supreme Court for Agra-Gate Farm. He is concerned about the properties of the siblings of Supervisor Blum Bump.

Attorney Chale clarified that her siblings have the interest and it is not a non-waivable conflict. It's a recusal and we'll address that issue.

Councilman Ross...we need this because Councilwoman Crane is personally involved and sits on the Board with us.

RESOLUTION 2007 #81

RE: SUBMISSION OF PETITION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION FOR PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE AGRA-GATE FARM

On a motion of Councilman Harold Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Lisa Pullaro, move to take the Resolution to the Supreme Court to request a petition from them to go forward on Agra-Gate Farm.

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

Councilman Ross...we take it to the Supreme Court, and then we should decide if we want to wait to hear from them before we might pursue appraisals.

Councilman Ramsey and Councilwoman Pullaro agreed.

After the discussion Supervisor Blum Bump and Councilwoman Crane returned to the meeting.

FULLY EXECUTED P.I.L.O.T. FOR RED HOOK COMMONS II, MAY 3, 2007

Supervisor Blum Bump reported that the fully executed PILOT for Red Hook Commons II was finalized on May 3, 2007. A copy of the agreement was presented to each Town Board member.

TREE CITY, USA: SIGNAGE, NEXT STEPS

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that we have five signs to put up at the entrances to the Town. We have a plaque and flag and she wants the Board to consider erecting a second flag pole.

Councilman Ross asked where she wanted to place another pole. He will agree for one considerably smaller and shorter than our present one that flies the American flag.

The Board agreed to get a second flag pole.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she hears complaints about how the Town Hall sign is erected. She wants to look into having it turned to hopefully make it easier for those driving by to see.

PANDA – PROGRESS REPORT

Supervisor Blum Bump told the Board that the PANDA board met and will be appointing a new station manager.

TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Town Clerk Sue McCann asked the Board to clarify the chain of responsibility on the Town Appointment list.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked about the chain of command of the previous Supervisor.

Councilman Ramsey feels the chain of command should be by seniority.

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, moves to change the chain of command to seniority.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
 Nays 0

TOWN OF RED HOOK EASEMENTS

Attorney Chale referred to the Conservation Easement Program. They've recently received two applicants through the Planning Board. JAMS is coming in through the Planning Board. There are a couple of considerations in regard to the program. One is the consideration of cost and review of the projects over time, and the other is a consideration of some of the components of the easement documents that was in use. It really addresses no further subdivisions. Most conservation easements will talk about building envelopes, specific purposes for the conservation easements, and they will restrict development outside of the envelope. We need to think about how some of these term conservation easements are being brought forward and whether we need to consider additional components for the programs. Right now we have the CAC and Planning Board provide recommendations. There are different criteria.

Councilman Ross feels we should not charge for the easement. It's coming by way of our Planning Board where they are requiring it to do a lot line alteration, a minor subdivision, or what have you, and conservation easement. Our Planning Board is telling them that they have to do it whether they want to or not. It doesn't seem right to charge them. We have a term conservation easement program that guarantees them a reduction in their taxes and we charge them nothing. People are placing easements on their land because the Planning Board is requesting that they do that. It doesn't seem fair for us to charge for it.

Supervisor Blum Bump ... you don't want them to be charged for the oversight.

Councilman Ross ... we charged nothing for the term conservation easement.

Supervisor Blum Bump... if our easements were very clear, why wouldn't the landowner in the process of design, just pay the cost of the requirements of the easement? He's already paying for the requirements of everything else.

Attorney Chale ... these are complex documents.

Councilwoman Crane is concerned about the fairness to the taxpayers who are footing the bills to accomplish this.

Councilman Ramsey ...this Town has gotten itself in the habit of spending taxpayer money to preserve local land. Why charge them when we are mandating them to preserve the land? He doesn't believe that's fair.

Councilman Ross feels if the Planning Board is going to require an easement because they for some reason or another are not comfortable with deed restrictions and don't feel they are enforceable by the Town, then in that case we should design the easement language for cases like this that are referred to us by the Planning Board. They should not be charged further by us to hold these easements.

Supervisor Blum Bump stated that our code already has demands of the property owner. If this is required; then why not?

Councilman Ramsey ...it's a requirement by our Planning Board, not by law. It's a requirement that we preserve so much land in a clustered environment.

Attorney Chale said under the code there is a provision for a conservation easement and there is a very specific definition of that.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Attorney Chale to come up with a clarified definition or easement document that makes sense for the various kinds of easements we have.

Attorney Chale said we can always do that, but what she wants the Board to focus on is that there are a number of things you can specifically do. There are a number of restrictions in terms of open space that we are not necessarily addressing in this particular type of easement. In the context of the Planning Board referrals there are some different policy reasons behind perhaps the more conventional type of conservation easement. Not all conservation easements are created alike.

Councilwoman Pullaro feels there are so many different scenarios under which we might or might not have fees or costs. We need to lay out all the scenarios that are not currently addressed that have come before us for discussion. There are lots of items in the easement discussion that we need to address.

Attorney Chale... there are different goals and different purposes in these other types of easements you are taking. The Planning Board referrals perhaps need to be a little more tailored.

Councilman Ross asked that Attorney Chale sit with the Planning Board and find out exactly what it is they have in mind and design something as simple as possible to handle the Planning Board referred easements.

Councilwoman Crane asked what the minimum number of acres is that we want to hold. We haven't decided on that yet. It's impractical to hold smaller ones here and there. She'd like a threshold that makes sense.

Supervisor Blum Bump ... there might be some properties under ten acres that warrant careful consideration because of where they are. They might be small.

Robert McKeon cautioned that if the Board raised the cost to landowners where it's no longer an enticement for them to participate, but also it loses the role of the Town holding the easements because it does become expensive to have a conservation easement. You'd be better off having a land trust such as Winnakee to hold the easement and require of them to hold those significant fees. The whole point of establishing this program is to entice them because the benefits to the community over time will more than improve any losses.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked if Attorney Chale would propose, after working with the Planning Board, a law that would apply to the first category.

Attorney Chale will propose a guideline.

Councilwoman Crane said it seems so simple, but each one is so specific.

Supervisor Blum Bump proposed that Attorney Chale draft documents for the Boards review.

Councilman Ross asked that she keep them as simple and understandable as possible.

Councilwoman Pullaro would like them broad enough to allow us to individually consider them, but not so much that they leave them open to having an "everything and anything" that comes before them.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to have Attorney for the Town Christine Chale draft easement documents for the Town Board to review.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	0	

Councilman Ross asked that it be drafted as rapidly as possible.

Attorney Chale referred to a memo from the CAC and one from the Planning Board regarding the Conservation Easement Program from JAMS, LLC. The Planning Board said they differ on the recommendation of the CAC. This particular easement is less than ten acres.

Supervisor Blum Bump said the purpose of the Town would be served, as an example, by access to Tivoli Bays or the river, or a pond.

Councilwoman Pullaro asked that in the absence of any new language that is going to be drafted, what ability do we have to take a smaller parcel?

Attorney Chale said the Board can always consider any offer of conveyance of property. That's exactly what this is. It's an acceptance of a property. Your Planning Board has provided you with recommendations.

Councilman Ramsey would like to move forward on the JAMS, LLC easement. He knows that we are mandating that this easement be put in place through our Planning Board. Our Planning Board agrees with it, our CAC has concerns, but not overriding concerns as far as he can see. He feels we should take care of this now.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked about a trail on the property.

Arlene Harkins answered the railroad is on the opposite side of the road. She doesn't know where they came up with that. What they call a stream is a ditch with water in it that is run off from the pond on the property above them.

Attorney Chale told the Board that if they are interested in considering this, her suggestion is that on all the Planning Board referrals they would need to consult with Planning Board and develop the easement that addresses the Planning Boards positions as well as the Town Board's.

Councilman Ross suggested that the Board ask Attorney Chale to work with the Planning Board on this particular easement and it might provide the architecture for us.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the School Budget passed, the bus purchase passed, the land acquisition of offices passed and Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Mosher won the School Board seats.

Attorney Chale confirmed that she is to work with the applicant and the Planning Board to come up with an easement document that works.

Councilman Ramsey said that the Board is in agreement to go with an easement that small, with the details to be worked out.

Supervisor Blum Bump ... we have to look at the easement.

Attorney Chale suspects that going with property less than 10 acres will not be the norm. In this particular case the consideration has to do with the agriculture use of property. At the recommendation of the Planning Board, it's a prime reason for consideration of this particular easement.

LETTERS

Supervisor Blum Bump asked the Board to review a listing from the Dutchess County Real Property foreclosure properties. They asked if the Town is interested in any of the

properties and if they want information regarding the properties. If the Board thinks we have any interest in the properties, we should discuss it.

Supervisor Blum Bump referred to letters from the owners of a very small parcel that does not comply with zoning. They are interested in purchasing the property so their half acre piece comes into compliance with the zoning. They've tried to buy it from the present owners.

Attorney Chale said that the Board's purpose of purchasing the property is for their own open space and recreation purposes, so that needs to be considered.

Supervisor Blum Bump just wanted to remind the Board of the people's request.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked if there is a response regarding the Highway complaint on Route 9 North. They requested a review of the appropriateness of a 35 mph speed limit, a review of enforcement, a posted sign prohibiting engine braking and a posted sign alerting all vehicles that they are entering a residential area.

Councilman Ramsey spoke with them and had a long discussion with Dutchess County DPW. This isn't theirs but he received information from them. The State DOT reviewed the speed limit. For the change, he would need to get a resolution from the Town. The landowners feel the 40 mph should be reduced to 35 at the Elks Club area.

Councilman Ross said that lowering the speed limit might cause more trucks to use their brakes making it worse.

Councilwoman Crane said she has had complaints about the passing zone in the area by the Elks Club. That is where all the accidents stem from.

Councilman Ross believes that the passing zone coming south is not needed there.

Councilman Ramsey said we are working with the state and we cannot put any changes on a state road whatsoever without their approval. He will continue to work with them.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked about the drainage issue on Orlich Road.

Councilman Ramsey answered that there were two issues. One was the drainage problem the second was that the owner didn't like the layout of the road. We worked with our Engineer on this regarding drainage. After this last storm there was no flooding and on the recommendations of the Engineer and Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand the Town should not be spending money on this. They've documented that. There was no flooding in the resident's driveway whatsoever. The other concern the resident had was the layout of the Orlich Road and Yantz Road intersection. Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand inspected it, it fell into spec, and he cleaned brush to make it clearer. Everything is in compliance. He told the resident that it was in compliance and that they would get back to him regarding the drainage issue. He wants the Board to make the decision.

Supervisor Blum Bump ... we can go along with the recommendation of the Engineer and the Highway Department or we can decide something different.

Councilwoman Pullaro said we have nothing to substantiate the complaint.

Councilwoman Crane doesn't see how we can invest money without evidence especially in that latest rain. How can it be a drainage problem if it didn't flood in this last rain?

Councilman Ramsey agrees. He thinks we spent enough investigating the problem. He would like Supervisor Blum Bump to write to the resident about the decision.

Councilman Ramsey referred to the Glen Ridge Road cul-de-sac issue. During the storm it was checked and there was no significant flooding. There was pooling of water and their recommendation is not to move forward with putting in a catch basin. Since we

haven't done the blacktopping on the cul-de-sac, he suggests that we resurface that area to get rid of the low spots that freeze in the winter time. It won't solve all the concerns but it is a step in the right direction. The issue comes from the settling of the road, it's not a drainage issue. He'll get a quote if it's ok with the Board.

Supervisor Blum Bump said since we accepted that road even though it didn't comply with the specs that were approved, our highway department should blacktop it.

The Board agreed to have Councilman Ramsey get a quote from Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand regarding the cost of repaving the area of Glen Ridge Road.

Supervisor Blum Bump referred to a survey from Dutchess County Emergency Response. They would like for it to be considered and returned.

Councilwoman Crane said that she thinks Supervisor Blum Bump should answer the questionnaire for the Board.

Supervisor Blum Bump isn't quite sure how to judge all of the questions.

Councilman Ramsey doesn't think it pertains to the Town. It was recommended that the survey be forwarded to the Village.

Supervisor Blum Bump referred to the State of Emergency in Red Hook. Everything was in order to apply for funds to cover emergency costs.

Councilman Ramsey stated that this paperwork is just for municipalities, not private individuals. They have to go through FEMA.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Planning Board:

Councilman Ross reported that there is an opening on the Planning Board because of a resignation.

Supervisor Blum Bump would like to advertise because there are new people who might be really interested.

Red Hook Commons Phase I:

Councilwoman Crane reported that Red Hook Commons Phase I have been receiving applications from citizens interested in the housing. She spoke with the developers and 70 applications were picked up, over 40 were turned in. Her guess is there will be a pool of more than 50 applications for the 48 units. The occupancy will be determined by eligibility and secondly by a lottery. Phase I is available for 62 and older and Phase II will be for people aged 55 and older. Income eligibility requirements are the same for both.

Purchasing:

Councilwoman Crane reported on purchasing activity from April 19th to May 9th. She referred to the report from Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy. During that period 44 Purchase Orders were issued in the amount of \$53,613.39, the largest being to International Salt Company for roads salt in the amount of \$20,237.09. Purchasing Agent Kudzy informally inspected St. Margaret's on April 30th with Code Enforcement Officer Steve Cole. He recommended hiring a Project manager to look at what work needs to be done to occupy the first floor. Doug Strawinski who is an experienced renovator and contractor will oversee the cleanup. Purchasing Agent Kudzy had Gary Beck, a Certified Electrical Inspector perform an inspection. He expects to revisit the Town Hall Energy Conservation project next month.

Dog Control:

Councilwoman Crane presented the Dog Control report for the month of April. Dog Control Officer Cecil Moore patrolled the Red Hook and Tivoli areas, handled six complaints about dogs running loose, helped people find two lost dogs, answered three

questions on dog laws in Red Hook and worked on dog licenses with Town Clerk Sue McCann.

Highway:

Councilman Ramsey reported on the gas tank bids were ready to release. The new street sweeper is now in service.

Economic Development Committee:

Councilman Ramsey reported that the EDC presented their first annual report on April 26th to the Town Board.

Recreation Committee:

Councilman Ramsey announced that the Recreation Committee met yesterday. The Summer Recreation brochure is posted on the web site and the brochures are out in the community. Signups are the first two Saturdays in June. The Senior Picnic will be in Red Hook and the Pavilion will be graded to prepare for that. The Wetlands Trail is complete with the exception of 27 feet over the bridge which is being worked on now. It is a wonderful job. The playground work will be done in the near future. The Red Hook moms came up with some ideas. The track will be looked at to be worked on. The Interact Club of Red Hook High School has offered to donate an electronic scoreboard to the baseball field at the Recreation Park. On a negative note, there has been more vandalism at the park to the bathrooms, basketball courts and debris has been torn up around the park. Councilman Ramsey asked that if anyone sees anything suspicious, to please call the police to report it.

Councilwoman Crane asked about motion detector lights at the park. She asks if the Rec Park Committee would reconsider the possibility of installing them.

Disaster Preparedness:

Councilman Ramsey reported that the Disaster Preparedness Committee met on April 25th and will meet again next Tuesday. They are continuing to update the existing plan. They are working on an animal rescue addendum which we asked them to do. They discussed the need for a backup shelter to the High School and a need for a generator for that. They will come to us budget time.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that the UTS (Unification Theological Seminary) offered to use their facility as a backup.

Trails Committee:

Councilman Ramsey reported that they are working on finishing the wetlands trail. They are working on the landscaping and drainage issues.

Other Issues:

Councilman Ramsey reported that they are still working on the street light issues on Whalesback Road. He's been working with Attorney Chale and Central Hudson on that. The paperwork regarding disaster relief is being done. We are looking at signage issues for River Road. Hopefully we will get signs coming from Bard College directing traffic off of River Rd. to 9G, hopefully alleviating some of the traffic on River Road. We are still looking into speed reduction on Budds Corners Road, Lasher Road, and as we said earlier, on Route 9.

Dutchess County Legislator Dave Seymour:

DC Legislator Seymour reported on two important issues. The sales tax was extended for another two years. Hopefully it will make up for a budget shortfall. The State has implemented a 1% fee on mortgages. The Legislature last night voted to impose a one quarter of one percent on top of that. The new rate will be 1.25% on mortgages in Dutchess County. It will go into effect around August or September of this year. It is anticipated that the revenue from that will be somewhere in the vicinity of about \$4.2 million. Last year we thought we had a \$7 million surplus, but on or around January or February, we had to renew some heating contracts and that subtracted from the surplus. There has been a shortfall from the sales tax to the County. The County is very concerned, because that is our main revenue source. In the last three or four years there

was always a slight increase in the sales tax. This was probably the least offensive means of collecting revenue. If we did not do what we did, the communities would have a shortfall. There are clearly areas we have to take a look at. Each department is going to be scrutinized at budget time. We can't increase property tax. On a more positive note, we adopted a resolution to accept money from HUD for Red Hook Commons. We should be expecting a check next month for \$395,000.

Conservation Advisory Council:

Councilwoman Pullaro said that the CAC members were involved in the Arbor Day Celebration, the distribution of trees at the recycling center, as well as the tree planting through town. Their next meeting is on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Recycling Center:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported that the Recycling Center is going very well with TJ Hackett. They are working with Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy to replace one of the signs that was damaged by plows, snow buildup, etc. She reminded the Board about the June 2nd Hazardous Waste Disposal day. Pre-registration is required.

Water Board:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported that Water Department Chairman Hank VanParys gave an annual report at the last meeting. We are on schedule for the hydrant flushing on May 17 between the hours of 1 – 5 p.m. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 16th.

Police Department Report:

Supervisor Blum Bump gave the Police Department report for Village of Red Hook for the month of April. There were 19 registered complaints, 8 uniform traffic tickets, no parking tickets, two accidents investigated, no arrests made and no EMS related calls.

Grant:

Supervisor Blum Bump explained that we have some funds remaining in the Quality Community Grant. We have to figure out if any more expenditures are to be put against that. Regarding the item grant for the trail walk, there is a balance of almost \$11,000 but we are told that it will be used up in the building of the boardwalk. The Community Development Block Grant is being used on the road. They will be working on that this coming month.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Pullaro
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk

