

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2007

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

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

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor Blum Bump will give her report at next weeks meeting

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk McCann's report for the month of May, 2007 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to Supervisor- \$1,606.95; amount paid to Dutchess County Treasurer for dog licenses - \$103.05; amount paid to New York State Ag & Markets \$21.00; paid to New York State Department of Health for marriage licenses - \$112.50; amount paid to New York State Environmental Conservation - \$567.75; for a total of State, County and Local revenues of \$2,411.25.

On a motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to accept the Town Clerk's Report as read.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Linda Keeling – sent an article regarding the ADA and St. Margaret's Home. She believes it has to be made handicapped accessible and she is willing to help out in any way possible to have it open to everyone.

David Seymour, Dutchess County Legislature – reported that at the last meeting resident Richard Schaff was awarded an Environmental Quality Award, a distinction given out once a year to an individual who promotes environmental awareness throughout the State. Also at the County's last meeting a resolution for the Mead properties was unanimously voted on as well as the Agriculture and Farm Protection Grant. Mr. Seymour announced that on this Saturday he will be at Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to noon to answer questions about County government. He will have Dutchess County Travel Guides to hand out.

Steve Parrella is one of the adjoining land owners of the new proposed recreation land on Linden Avenue. In February 2007 he sent a letter requesting the purchase of a small parcel of that land to bring his current lot into zoning conformity. He is still very interested in the purchase and wanted to put a face to that letter.

Micki Strawinski questioned the vacancies on the appointment list. With regard to the Disaster Preparedness Committee, she asked if a member had to be a Red Hook resident or if the member could be a Bard security person. He works in Red Hook but does not live in Red Hook

Councilman Ross explained to be on a committee you have to be a Red Hook resident. The person could be an advisor to a committee.

Town Clerk Sue McCann informed Mrs. Strawinski and the Board that the last appointment committee list presented is the most up to date.

Mr. Fran Donahue, a resident of Aspinwall Road, told the Board that the pond has not been mowed. There is also an area belonging to the water district that has become a dumping ground. It should be cleaned up and the area near the pond mowed. Mr. Donahue then read part of an editorial by Mr. Jim Brudwig regarding the student vote in Red Hook. Mr. Donahue would like to see absentee ballots for the next referendum.

Vicki Perry expressed her concern about the prospect of mining in Milan. There are a number of people in upper Red Hook that don't want the trucks barreling along their roads and eliminating any chance of making their roads walkable country roads. She asked that the Town become involved because it will impact us all. She told the Board that the public comment period was extended so there is an opportunity for the Town. She also feels that Red Hook should get involved in the DEC issue as well.

The public comment period closed at 7:50 p.m.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced June's Town Board meetings. They are June 19th at 7:30 p.m., June 21st at 7:00 p.m. and June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE TOWN BOARD, VILLAGE BOARD, GREENPLAN AND THE INTERMUNICIPAL TASK FORCE

Supervisor Blum Bump welcomed the Task Force, Michelle Greig from Greenplan, Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill from the Task Force, and representatives from the Villages in the assembly.

Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill presented the Traditional Neighborhood District component of the plan. They are still working on the plan and are fine tuning it with the EDC and County Planning. He turned the presentation over to Michelle Greig from Greenplan.

Michelle Greig of Greenplan thanked the Board for agreeing to extra meetings this month. The Task Force is very anxious to move ahead on this. She made some general comments about the proposed traditional neighborhood district then wanted to start reading through the zoning. First, regarding the district itself, it is just one district in the Town of Red Hook. It's a localized area in the southern quadrant. She presented illustrations. The Traditional Neighborhood is divided into three sub-districts comprised of a commercial center, residential neighborhoods within walking distance of the commercial center and office industrial area which was put in after talking with the EDC. She explained the configuration of the office/industrial area. There is a wider variety of uses that would be permitted in this district than is straight light industrial.

Supervisor Blum Bump expressed her concern about having the development south of the village being village like. She wants a gateway that is protected and distinct from Rhinebeck. This protects that gateway and allows for development, so that is a good reason to keep Route 9 green and natural looking and put the development back more where it is more suitable.

Michelle Greig explained the proposal for a zoning amendment. Some members of the EDC feel there is not enough in the zoning that is making economic development happen. You have to bear in mind that zoning can't do that, it can create possibilities, but businesses have to be actively attracted to it. She referred to illustrative maps. No site specific works has been done. The drawings show where the boundaries of the commercial center would best be located, as well as where traditional neighborhoods best be located. Interconnecting roads encourages people to walk because it reduces walking distances. It also showed roughly scaled village lots, small vest pocket parks, and the design of streets and sidewalks. Michelle explained that developers are interested in properties but want to see what the Town will do with the zoning proposal for traditional neighborhoods. Through incentive zoning there should be a variety of housing types so that there can be more affordable housing options. We want to streamline the environmental review for developers.

Councilwoman Pullaro asked about architectural standards. She would like to understand some of the rationale put into these specifications. We want to make homes affordable and some materials might preclude that. What's prohibited, what's not prohibited?

Michelle Greig answered that the majority of the homes will be built by developers and that's one of the reasons the Task Force wanted to give specific guidelines. She then read through and talked about the proposed zoning ordinance. It is based on the smart-code. Bear in mind that it is almost a standalone zoning document and subdivision regulation. She went on to explain that it's important to have very clear purposes in a zoning document because when the Planning Board is reviewing a project it gives them a guide for evaluating projects. Michelle next went to illustrated sketch plans for examples for design principles in order to achieve a desired form and appearance of development. They have no regulatory authority and are not based on a detailed survey. The next section referenced was the sub districts previously referred to.

Councilwoman Crane wants to make sure that we do not become exclusionary in this zoning. It bothers her to have certain exclusions in particular to drive throughs for as an example, McDonald's restaurants.

Michelle Greigs's presentation ended at 9:31 p.m.

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE CONSOLIDATED LIGHTING DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND TO HEAR ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT MATTER

Attorney Chale referred to a map and plan that was prepared by Central Hudson Gas & Electric. Residents requested a street light on Whalesback Road. A Public Hearing will be held on July 10, 2007 at 7:25 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2007 # 85

RE: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXTENSION TO THE CONSOLIDATED LIGHTING DISTRICT THAT INCLUDES THREE PARCELS ON WHALESBACK ROAD.

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

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

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Attorney Chale referred to the bid schedule for the Connector Road. The bid packages will be available at the Town Clerk's office on June 18, 2007. The bids will be opened on July 10, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2007 # 86

RE: APPROVAL OF A BID OPENING DATE FOR THE RED HOOK CONNECTOR ROADS PROJECT

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

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

Attorney Chale told the Board that Michelle Greig will discuss the official map and has a couple of recommendations.

Michelle Greig, Greenplan, explained that the official map reviewed includes existing and proposed Village, Town, State and County roads as well as parcels that are under Town ownership. Greenplan recommends that since Red Hook has a community wide trails plan, that the Town's trail systems be on the map as well. If someone were to propose to develop a parcel that had a proposed trail location on it, they would not be able to put a house where the proposed trail would be.

Councilwoman Crane would like to review the Trails Feasibility Study. She does not know what it consists of. If we are intending to put this on an official Town map, she wants to see it.

Michelle Greig advised that the Trails Committee review the study.

Councilwoman Crane said that we have not voted that the Central Hudson Corridor be an official trail.

Supervisor Blum Bump told the Board it was her understanding that we adopted the Open Space Plan. This is in the Open Space Plan.

Councilwoman Crane answered that that was when it was an open corridor and it is no longer that. That is why we need to revisit this. It may totally change within the next year and she will not vote for that being part of an official map when we haven't solved the Central Hudson issue.

Michelle Greig suggested deciding which trails the Board is certain of at this point. It can be amended.

Supervisor Blum Bump suggested using the Open Space Plan that was adopted then amend it as needed.

Michelle Greig suggested reviewing the map and looking at which trails the Board does want on the official map. There are some trails that could be included. Some trails may have to be adjusted.

Councilwoman Crane asked how much weight the official map has in the Planning Board process.

Attorney Chale answered it has significant weight. It is intended to have significant weight.

Councilman Ross suggested asking the Trails Committee to give the Board a map of existing trails for them to review.

Michelle Greig had no further comments.

ST. MARGARET'S UPDATE

Supervisor Blum Bump met with Town Historian Winthrop Aldrich, Paula Schoonmaker and Victor Cornelius. The grant application is being updated and will be submitted by June 29, 2007.

MILAN ARCHER MINE (RED WING PROPERTIES, INC.) – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REVIEW

Supervisor Blum Bump referred to a letter from the DEC regarding the Milan Archer Mine. The DEC will inform Red Hook when they will have the public hearing regarding the mine. They have informally extended the public comment period to June 29, 2007.

AWARDING OF BIDS FOR HIGHWAY GASOLINE TANK

Attorney Chale said the Board previously authorized bids for acquisition of a tank and the replacement of an existing dispenser. Bids were opened on May 31, 2007 by Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand and Town Clerk Sue McCann. Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand recommended awarding the bid to the lowest bidder.

RESOLUTION 2007 # 87

RE: AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF A HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT GASOLINE TANK AND DISPENSER/PUMP REPLACEMENT

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

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

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Attorney Chale discussed Pete Setaro's memo concerning the CDBG project status dated June 7, 2007. He asked that we file a letter with the County requesting an extension to November 30, 2007.

RESOLUTION 2007 # 88

RE: AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO FILE AN
APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$500,000.

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

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

Councilwoman Pullaro asked for copies of the appraisals for the Board.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Recycling:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported that the Recycling Center will have to find a replacement for an employee who will be resigning on August 24, 2007 to return to college. The June 2, 2007 Hazardous Waste event went smoothly with over 300 people who participated.

Water Dept.:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported that the testing fell within normal ranges. Cartridges were replaced; one had an average life span of three years, the other, ten months. The hydrant flushing on May 17, 2007 was completed and the next flushing will be in October. They are working with Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy to request quotes for brush hogging for the rights of way. Councilwoman Pullaro will send a note to Water Department Chairman Hank VanParys regarding the public comment tonight about the Aspinwall Road property.

CAC:

Councilwoman Pullaro reported that they are requesting a workshop on conservation easements with the Northern Dutchess Alliance that would include participation from Winnakee Land Trust, Dutchess Land Conservancy and the Intermunicipal Task Force and surrounding Towns. She is working with the CAC to come up with a web page on the Town site. They are working on scheduling a report of a Green Building workshop. Arbor Day was successful. The summer camp scholarship winners are ready to go. The CAC has to designate a representative for the newly formed Environmental Management Council. Their next meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00 pm.

Dog Control:

Councilwoman Crane reported that Dog Control Officer Cecil Moore's truck is no longer working. Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand said it will cost about \$5,000 to

fix it. He doesn't think it's worth repairing and we should look into possibly getting another vehicle. Dog Control Officer Cecil Moore has been working on keeping up with delinquent licenses and returning lost dogs. Councilwoman Crane will speak to someone at the Dutchess County Health Department to ask what to do in case a resident has a rabid animal to report.

ZRC:

Councilwoman Crane reported that the Zoning Review Committee will meet on Thursday evening. They would like a hard copy of the Intermunicipal Task Force's recommendation.

Purchasing:

Councilwoman Crane reported on purchasing activity from May 10 to June 11, 2007. She referred to the report from Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy. During that period 46 Purchase Orders were issued in the amount of \$26,272.63, the largest being to Callanan Industries for blacktop in the amount of \$3,392.84. Doug Strawinski is moving ahead on St. Margaret's, and the initial electrical work is complete. Doug is obtaining estimates for roof patching, plumbing and cleanup. Purchasing Agent Kudzy contacted Daylight Savings Company in Goshen who is familiar with NYSERDA on the energy saving project for Town Hall. He is hoping they can update the electric audit that was performed several years ago with newer technology and design.

Ag & Open Space Committee:

Robert McKeon, Chairman of the Ag & Open Space Committee reported that at their last meeting they discussed producing a brochure about all the farms in Red Hook, the products they produce, their availability, location, phone numbers and so on. They began work setting up a web site to link to the Town's. The committee discussed marketing possibilities and possibly setting up a farmers market in Red Hook. Regarding PDR's, they are moving along on the applications. He was at the Dutchess County Planning Board where they unanimously recommended supporting the Wil-Hi Farm application and that a match be granted.

ZBA

Councilman Ross reported that the Zoning Board meets tomorrow and they have two public hearings and a review of an appeal.

Supervisor Blum Bump read a letter from the Planning Board dated June 7, 2007 asking that a member of their Board be represented on the interview and selection committee for the vacancy on the Planning Board.

Assessors Report

Supervisor Blum Bump reported that during the month of May the Assessor's Office completed a change of assessment mailer to all property owners. That was over 275 property owners for informal grievance. Councilwoman Crane asked for a report of the actual results of grievance day. She would like to know how the appeals were resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Keeling is disappointed with the St. Margaret's Home update. It sounds like the Board doesn't know what the grant is that they are applying for.

Councilwoman Crane wants a report from Amy Dubin regarding St. Margaret's Home.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk