

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2008

A business 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 7:50 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Sue Crane
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Micki Strawinski
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilman Robert Latimer
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Supervisor Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:50 p.m.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report for the period of March 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008 was read as follows: Opening Balance - \$2,880,811.62; Receipts - \$1,540,881.94; Disbursed - \$1,071,745.85; Balance \$3,349,947.71

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

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, Latimer
 Nays 0

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period of March 1, 2008 to March 31, 2008 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$2,604.64; Amount paid to County Treasurer for Dog Licenses - \$63.45, Amount paid to NY Ag. & Markets - \$3.00; Amount paid to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$90.00; Amount paid to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$373.16; Total State, County & Local Revenues - \$3,134.25.

Town Clerk Sue McCann announced that she has flyers available for residents about the Hazardous Waste Disposal Day scheduled for Saturday, June 7, 2008 at the Red Hook Recycling Center. Preregistration and a \$5.00 fee are required so residents should call the Dutchess County Resource Recovery Agency at 463-6020.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no comments from the public.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

She will be on vacation from April 10 to April 22, 2008. The emergency interim successors are Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand, Councilman Jim Ross and Councilman Rob Latimer in that order.

- A CPR course for Town Employees is taking place on April 23rd.
- On April 26, 2008 there will be an Earth Day dedication of the "Wetlands Walk Trail" at the recreation park at 9:00 a.m.
- The next Town Board meeting will take place on April 23rd. Red Hook School Superintendent and Business Manager Bruce Martin will present the 2008 school budget.
- Our Assessor's six month period of review will be up in May and she will meet with him for the requisite personnel session. She welcomes any comments the Board may have.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TWO ALTERNATE POSITONS TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZBA

RESOLUTION #37 2008

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2008, PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, Latimer
 Nays 0

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Supervisor Crane announced we will receive resumes for anyone interested in serving as alternates on those two boards until noon on Friday, April 18, 2008. We will consider those appointments at the next meeting which is scheduled for April 23, 2008.

APPROVAL FOR RFP – ST. MARGARET’S APPRAISALS

Supervisor Crane reported that a vote is needed to approve the RFP for the preservation architect’s appraisals for St. Margaret’s.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski move to approve the RFP for the appraisals for St. Margaret’s.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, Latimer
 Nays 0

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE

Supervisor Crane and Councilman Latimer attended the dedication of a new highway garage in Kinderhook, N.Y.

Councilman Latimer reported that their new facility is approximately 13,000 square feet and is waiting for an OSHA Gold Star to be given. They were able to meet the engineer, the project coordinator, the Supervisor, the Morton Building representative and everyone else who had a hand in the project. They had some valuable engineer added incentives that we would like to replicate. He and Supervisor Crane agreed to coordinate a meeting to get Morton Buildings and some of the people involved in the Kinderhook process to share with our Board and the public as well.

Supervisor Crane explained that we have done a need assessment and have an idea of what we want to do. She wants to schedule a Saturday morning meeting with some of the people involved with the Kinderhook garage. The Board looked at May 3rd as a possible date at 10:30 a.m. Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand and some of his crew visited the Kinderhook garage and were very impressed and felt it was equivalent to what they hope to accomplish here.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked the final cost.

Councilman Latimer answered their final cost was 1.7 million.

Supervisor Crane said we have already met with Village Mayor Dave Cohen.

RECYCLE CENTER UPDATE

Supervisor Crane told the Board that Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand heard from Morris Associates and Blacktop Maintenance who will be here in the morning to begin the site work to get the recycling center ready to go. She is hoping by the weekend the Recycling Center will be substantially better than it has been for months.

Councilman Colgan said one of the issues is that the plan Pete Setaro drew up has the garbage truck behind the recycling building. It creates a traffic flow problem and it seems to Councilman Colgan that an alternate design would expedite things.

Councilwoman Strawinski said they were concerned with that layout. She would like to meet with Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand and Pete Setaro one more time to go over the draft. She received a letter from a resident offering to help with the design.

Councilman Colgan suggested possible rearranging.

Supervisor Crane agrees that it shouldn't be a big deal.

SCENIC ROADS MAP

Supervisor Crane referred to a map that was prepared by the CAC, dated July 2006. It is marked with a variety of colors. It's perfected on a larger map with fewer markings. The Scenic Corridor map, in order to be designated a scenic road has to have a narrative. We also have an October 4, 2007 draft, a description of the roads that were proposed by the CAC to be included in the designated scenic corridor adopted map. She will get the map created in color for the Board in order for them to have it in advance of the next meeting for discussion about the narrative. The narrative is very important for the final adoption of the designated scenic road. Some have already been designated and some will be added.

REORGANIZATION 2008

Community Preservation Advisory Fund Committee – we had some people interested who have withdrawn and we are now down to a list of about 12. There are still people being approached. She asked the Board if they could start with any of the interested persons. She put forth Peter Hubbell as someone she could endorse. Susan Ezrati is on the Tivoli Board and has extensive financial management experience. The difficult question is who will be the farmer on the committee who wouldn't have a conflict of interest. We need a farmer on the committee.

Councilman Colgan spoke to Richard Biezynski and he recommended Talia Finke. Richard Biezynski would not want to be put into a conflict situation. He is behind the whole Kerley Corner Road project.

Councilman Latimer said the Kerley Corner Road project will be one flash in the pan project then it is over. Any farmer in the community has a potential of conflict.

Attorney Chale said a concern he is raising is that the Board is asking that they write the recommendations for the plan.

Councilman Colgan said Rich Biezynski thought long and hard on this and we should respect his decision. He did recommend other people.

Supervisor Crane said there are farmers who continue to farm but are not involved with PDR's. They are Ken Migliorelli, Talia Finke, and Chuck Simmons. Supervisor Crane personally marked Victor Behoriam because he has experience with this concept in Suffolk County, Long Island. Brent Kovalchik is another we agree on. Phil Seymour was very involved in the Master Plan; he is a farmer, has a sheep operation, is a contractor and would bring business experience to this committee.

Attorney Chale told the Board that they do need to have a majority with conservation or land use experience.

Supervisor Crane asked if they wanted to hold the names of those they discussed.

A motion by Councilman Ross to appoint Pete Hubbell, Susan Ezrati, Victor Behoriam, Brent Kovalchik and Phil Seymour was tabled.

Supervisor Crane suggested they wait to set terms until they decide on the seven members.

The Board will set aside the alternates for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Conservation Advisory Council – CAC Chair, Brenda Cagle spoke with Jane Ferguson and she will be attending the next night's CAC meeting. Brenda believes she should meet everyone before the Board appoints Jane Ferguson.

Tree Preservation Commission – Linda Keeling thanked the Board for appointing her as secretary for the Tree Commission. She tendered her resignation as member in order to accommodate an interested person, Eleanor Friery. Linda Keeling will remain as secretary of the Tree Commission. Supervisor Crane thanked Mrs. Keeling for making that offer.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Supervisor Crane move to accept the resignation of Linda Keeling as a member of the Tree Commission.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, Latimer
 Nays 0

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski move to appoint Eleanor Friery to the Tree Preservation Commission.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, Latimer
 Nays 0

Dog Control Contract - Supervisor Crane explained that the dog control contract has to be renewed. She requested discussion regarding the content of the contract because there seems to be overlapping language creating ambiguity. She and Councilman Latimer worked on the contract and she presented it for the Board's consideration. It asks that Dr. MacDonald hold the dog for 14 days before adopting it out, and she asked the Board to consider what should be done after 14 days. Supervisor Crane is waiting for a call back from Dr. Jim MacDonald.

Community Development Block Grant – Supervisor Crane explained that it is for the sidewalk extension on Route 9 from Old Farm Road to Rokeby Road. She referred to a letter from D.F. Wheeler Engineering talking about contacting the Department of Transportation considering further mapping. Supervisor Crane set up a meeting with him and Beth Doyle from Dutchess County Planning, Rose Rider, Financial Officer and Deb Marks, Business Manager so that there is no confusion about how much money we will receive and when to expect it. The Town did receive a confirmation letter from Dutchess County Executive William Steinhaus stating that we have received \$150,000.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Supervisor Crane and Attorney Christine Chale met with Cary Watkins-Bates of Scenic Hudson and Roger Ackley of D.C. Planning. They talked about maximizing the Towns funds. We have limited funds for PDR's and have multiple possibilities of partners. We are going to continue to pursue those conversations trying to draw in partners that include state funds as well as county funds. We will continue discussions with Dutchess County Planning, Dutchess Land Conservancy, and Scenic Hudson.
- An application for funds from landowner Peter Bulkeley came in the mail. He lives on West Kerley Corners Road in Tivoli. He is interested in selling his development rights and she presumes the Ag & Open Space Committee will work with him to find partners to bring that to fruition. Supervisor Crane is very grateful for Mr. Bulkeley's interest in that program. It is a beautiful farm with a fabulous historic farmhouse and will be a credit to Red Hook to save it.
- We received another Time Warner Cable notice regarding channel changes and corrections.
- A memo from PANDA Board of Directors came in notifying the Town that there was a check in the amount of \$22, 198.00 from the Attorney for defendant. The check was deposited and as soon as it clears, checks will be issued to municipalities for the full amount of supplemental funds granted to PANDA. Susan Simon had a request regarding bank charges, but Supervisor Crane said that there was no request from Kathy Hammer regarding such. Susan Simon will submit it in writing.
- Scenic Hudson announced a smart growth project that will review state agency spending and policies regarding sprawl.
- John Wagner who represents Supervisors and Mayors sent a letter on behalf of the County Legislature asking the Town to endorse home rule. He also asked whether or not Red Hook is for or against electrician licensing. They are taking a poll and Supervisor Crane sent her response that she is against it. She hopes the Board will agree with her in that regard.
- There is a one day course on redesigning edgeless cities on May 7, 2008 at the Dutchess County Country Club. It is a professional development course offered through the

Regional Planning Association and is partnered with the Dutchess County Department of Planning.

- Another memo from Scenic Hudson invited the Town to participate in a focus group. It is a research study and will take place at Vassar College on April 17, 2008. The study is to help Scenic Hudson better understand how to serve the needs of its members.

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any concerns or comments from the public.

With no comments, the meeting was adjourned.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Supervisor Crane move to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, Latimer
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk