

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING

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 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. She opened the Public Hearing with the reading of the public notice for a proposed Town Law entitled "Zoning" regarding setbacks for accessory structures. It would be a Local Law to amend Chapter 143.

Supervisor Crane referred to comments from the Planning Board and comments regarding the law from our Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector Steve Cole. She read a memo from the Planning Board that she received today. On October 6, at a Planning Board meeting they reviewed the proposed local law regarding setbacks for accessory structures. In general the Planning Board supports the proposed law however they identified issues that should be discussed. One issue concerned the impact on the NYS Fire Code. Supervisor Crane read Code Enforcement Officer Steve Cole's response to that issue. He stated that the setback will not impact the NYS Fire Code as our law states that an accessory structure cannot be in the proposed front yard setback. His pre-construction visit would address any potential problems. The other issue the Planning Board had was a reference to an R3 Zoning District in addition to an RD3 District. While the Town has an RD3 District, it does not have an R3 District. This should be corrected and the setback in the RD3 District should be verified. Steve Cole responded that the R3 is a typing error. We only have a RD3 District. In his memo he also explained the clarifications that should be on Section 3(2). She explained that we have an addition to Section 2B that itemizes more clearly what it is we're saying and would like to discuss it before voting. She then opened the meeting to the public to hear any concerns about the setbacks as proposed.

There were no comments from the public.

Supervisor Crane suggested keeping the Public Hearing open so the Board can discuss the issues brought up at the meeting.

John Douglas said he hoped the Local Law would be voted on tonight.

Supervisor Crane recognizes that Zoning has struggled with this for many years. She asked if anyone had any objections to the proposal that has been brought forward by Zoning Enforcement Officer Steve Cole.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked if this would go back to the Planning Board.

Councilman Colgan suggested going to the Zoning Review Board.

Supervisor Crane will leave the Public Hearing open in case the ZRC wishes to weigh in.

John Douglas suggested that the Chair of the ZRC e-mail her members for them to review it and send back their responses.

Susan Simon will send out e-mails, and will try to call a short meeting of the committee and move forward.

Councilman Colgan suggested seeing that the language added to that law is consistent with the discussions the ZRC has already had.

Supervisor Crane asked if Susan Simon could call that meeting in the next week. She announced that we will leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting on Wednesday, October 22.

Attorney Chale explained that the Town can review the full Environmental Assessment Form and take action on it after the Public Hearing is completed. It can be reviewed here at the meeting or the Board members can take it and review it on their own.

Supervisor Crane said they'll review on their own. There are several packets for the Board to review.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk