

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

December 9, 2008

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 announced the passing of Anita "Nita" Micossi-Zises, a community volunteer. Supervisor Crane read a letter from Assemblyman Marc Molinaro who worked with her and called her friend. He expressed his condolences to the family.

Councilman Colgan spoke about Anita who was a good friend. She was a cornerstone of Tivoli who worked hard for the community. She had a great sense of humor and wrote a column called "Ham on Wry". He will miss her and is sure the Village of Tivoli will miss her.

HIGHWAY GARAGE PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUATION

Supervisor Crane announced the continuation of the public hearing concerning the proposed Highway Garage. She asked if there were any public comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Linda Keeling asked if the review of the Ethics Law can get on the website.

Town Clerk Sue McCann will get it on the site.

Patrick Kelly handed out information about the "sprung structure" he referred to previously. He'll also send a copy of the information to Ray Jurkowski. He feels this is an option to look at. He reiterated his concern about the environmental and fiscal perspectives. He is concerned about the location in relation to Village wells and he feels the property is potentially profitable. It is an ideal place to have retail. He is also concerned about the health and safety of the Highway employees.

Richard Gordon said a detailed report was presented the previous week and he asked about the origin of the report. Did the Board commission the proposal?

Supervisor Crane explained that will be clarified at tonight's meeting.

Patty Gordon wondered, since the composition of the Board will be changing, why vote now? Supervisor Crane isn't sure the Board is intending to vote now, they just want to bring the discussion of the proposed Highway Garage forward and have discussion in the open. They want to start the process because of the need.

Ann Rubin had questions regarding the construction cost estimates from Morris Associates. She asked if the October 2008 is the latest cost estimate and requested the cost of the work to be provided by the Highway Department.

Pete Setaro, Morris Associates explained that Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand and Ray Jurkowski spoke about what the Highway Department can do. He explained that Ray had \$50,000 as the estimate which he believes is for materials. Some material may be purchased through a small bid. He doesn't know if Ray calculated labor costs.

Ann Rubin asked if there were any estimates of man hours.

Supervisor Crane explained the work would be done by the Highway Department during their regular hours. That was the point. We are following the lead of the Village of Kinderhook who

erected their highway garage and who's Highway Department did the entire site work. It saved a huge amount of money.

Ann Rubin explained it is important to know the costs. Regarding the site plan, people need to know about future building and she is trying to understand future costs. Will the Town give projected costs?

Supervisor Crane told her that neither she nor anyone on this Board is interested in getting into future buildings. We have a full plate dealing with the immediate need of the Highway Garage.

Ann Rubin asked about the gravel drive. She is trying to understand what other costs might be involved.

Patty Gordon asked if this is the same road used by the Recycling Center now.

Supervisor Crane answered it is and she explained the proposed plan.

Ann Rubin requested that the Public Hearing not be closed until we receive a more precise estimate.

Supervisor Crane asked Attorney Chale if we can continue a Public Hearing indefinitely. Can it remain open for this kind of discussion?

Attorney Chale explained that you can certainly continue a hearing. Indefinitely, there would be a question about if you'd have to re-notice. A couple of months from meeting to meeting is doable. You need to think about if you go out for bid you only have 45 days to award and make a decision. You generally need estimates when it is time to make decisions. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to get to the decision to move forward with an improvement. Then you get the borrowing authorization, go out for bid, get the bids in, and make the decision when comfortable with the bids. Then you would move forward.

Councilman Colgan explained that people should know before we go for bid we must have a final design for the Highway Garage which we haven't even begun yet. He asked Pete Setaro how long that would take.

Pete Setaro responded about three months. From the time plans are started until the time of the start of construction will probably be about six months.

Councilwoman Strawinski read e-mails she received about the proposed Highway Garage. She provided copies for Town Clerk Sue McCann. The e-mails were from the following people who were unable to attend the meeting and were against the Highway Garage for various reasons such as fiscal and environmental impact:

Maarten Reilingh
Caroline Rider
Arlene London/Elizabeth Cullers
Marirose Blum Bump
Peter Amentas
Karen Schneller-MacDonald
John Schmitz (partial e-mail read)

Supervisor Crane read a letter from Linda Keeling regarding the Town Garage. In her letter Linda Keeling expressed her concern about working with local committees to ensure higher standards for the end product to gain a more favorable public opinion of the project on property already owned by the Town. She suggested that transparency in the planning process would gain the public's support, and she suggested reusing and recycling materials from the old garage and salt shed. She suggested modifying the map to include a non-green area. The Town has a terrific opportunity to be a model for other municipalities especially as it relates to green building considerations. The incorporation of inter-connective walkways would make the property more user family for all age groups.

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any other comments or letters to be read. She then asked the Board their opinion about leaving the Public Hearing open.

Councilman Ross has no problem keeping the Public Hearing open. However, he would like it closed by the end of the month. He hasn't received any letters.

Councilwoman Strawinski thinks the public appreciated the opportunity to be heard and wants to keep the Public Hearing open for anyone else who wants to comment.

Councilman Latimer agrees with leaving the Public Hearing open.

Councilman Colgan added that he wants to keep it open until there is a real need to close it.

Supervisor Crane is fine with keeping it open. She thanked everyone for their concerns and comments.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski, moved to extend the Public Hearing until the December 30, 2008 meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

HIGHWAY GARAGE DISCUSSION

Supervisor Crane introduced Engineer Peter Setaro in attendance in place of Ray Jurkowski who was away. She asked about the SEQRA document. Does the Public Hearing have to be closed? She wants to focus on, in an organized way, answers to some of the questions that came up. She referred to the State Environmental Quality Review Full Environmental Assessment Form the Board received. The Board started their review with the description of the action and continued through the EAF.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked if in the event we do municipal sharing of this project and there is another site located, this is all tentative. Is that correct?

Attorney Chale responded that this is a site specific analysis of the project as proposed.

Supervisor Crane said we have to make up our minds by going through this process whether this is a suitable site or not. It takes us logically through the detail that we'll have to go through in order to get this off the ground. We have to take this one step at a time. Look at what we have. Doing nothing is not an option. Let's take this site, go through it and move on. She continued review of Part II of the SEQRA then on to Part III of the Full Environmental Assessment Form.

Attorney Chale said at this point the Board can have a discussion.

Supervisor Crane knows people are concerned about the aquifer and thinks it is important to stress that the Village wells have been tested. There has not been contamination of those wells in over 40 years. With a new salt storage shed it is highly unlikely that storage is going to be less stringent, it will likely be more so.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked if we are willing to take that risk. We know we need a new Highway Garage, but she feels there are too many concerns about that location.

Councilman Ross said we have SEQRA here and we have a history of how the site has been used for over 40 years of salt storage prior to DEC or other agencies getting involved. At this point and in the future we have a storage shed which will be replaced as part of this, our fuel has been moved above ground and he thinks the impact of a Highway Garage will be far less than some other commercial endeavor. Not to mention the convenience of keeping it on the Town Hall complex, saving money at less expense by keeping it at the present site. He thinks we should move ahead and approve the environmental assessment that our engineer provided us.

Councilman Colgan is not in any rush to get through this. He thinks it is worthwhile to have the public make comments. It is controversial to many people including him. We should not move to end discussion.

Supervisor Crane explained that if the Board feels this is an adequate full Environmental Assessment Review, and we vote to accept it, then we can declare a Negative Declaration on this particular SEQRA.

Councilman Colgan is not comfortable with that.

Councilman Ross is ready to declare the Negative Declaration based on the full Environmental Assessment Form that the Board just reviewed.

Engineer Pete Setaro wants the Board to keep in mind that septic systems also have an impact on wells. It is not just salt on the Highway Garage property. In the absence of a central sewer system, you have restaurants and businesses with whatever chemicals may be associated with those businesses that are being put into the ground. There is also the concern that if this was a commercial complex you still would have the concern about a septic system that would be serving whatever businesses. There could be potential polluters from many different sources.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked who to contact about the impact. Who did Morris Associates contact when they filled the forms out?

Engineer Pete Setaro responded that Ray Jurkowski put time into researching the testing the Village did and the DEC regulations regarding setbacks. We've been filling out EAF's for a long time. Some is our judgment, for example the number of traffic trips. There are certain sources of information we go to.

Councilman Ross confirmed that their opinions are based on their experience on engineering standards that have been compiled over hundreds of years based on how things work and how things don't work.

Supervisor Crane said Engineer Ray Jurkowski talked with the Health Department and the Village Water Department and they did testing.

Councilman Latimer said it is his understanding is that this EAF allows preparation of a Negative Declaration for this site only and does negate any future discussion of any alternative site should an intelligent site be brought forward. This is for this site only.

Supervisor Crane said we are trying to settle one thing at a time. As far as the testing she read the results and they are well within the range of safety.

Pete Setaro said since the initial testing of the wells in January of 2006, tests have been done and the levels are well within the safety range. There are ongoing tests the Village are required to do. There has never been an issue of contamination.

Supervisor Crane said it requires best practices.

Councilman Colgan is not in a hurry to close this because there are many people concerned.

Councilman Ross said this is SEQRA we are talking about. If residents have questions the Public Hearing is still open. We should close the SEQRA which was done by professionals we hired to do this based on facts.

Councilman Colgan asked why declare a Negative Declaration until we make a final decision.

Councilman Latimer doesn't like the fact that we hired a group of experts to undertake projects then in the eleventh hour question them. We are leaving the Public Hearing open. We are at the end of a determination of this SEQRA document and it is time to make a decision on it. We either don't like the information presented or we do. We've taken their information previously. He feels it is quite ironic to change course and question the validity of their judgment.

Councilwoman Strawinski is concerned about the aquifer combined with this commercially viable property. Have we considered what 34,000 square feet of business space could bring in?

Councilman Latimer said it could bring in a lithography company that is going to dump benzene into your aquifer.

Councilman Ross responded to Councilwoman Strawinski saying to answer that question, you are never going to be able to market this site for what it would cost us to move somewhere else. We have a perfectly viable, convenient site for the public, and an environmentally sound site to be able to do what we want to do with it based on our sound engineering study. It makes no sense not to go ahead and endorse this Environmental Impact Statement that our consultant prepared for us.

Attorney Chale explained there is another issue to discuss and that is the issue for the Public Hearing. It is important to review the Public Hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane read the information which Attorney Chale explained step by step.

Attorney Chale explained that in terms of order, the Board should deal with the SEQRA Negative Declaration, and then adopt this. She wants the Board to understand the issues. If the Board develops the SEQRA we fully include all the issues from the Monroe Analysis.

Councilman Colgan wonders if this should go through the planning process. He is inclined to think it should.

Councilman Ross told the Board that there is no less restrictive zoning areas so that is a moot point, therefore that's another reason to keep it at the present site.

Attorney Chale said other sites have been considered but she doesn't think any of them are less restrictive in terms of zoning. The question is impact of the project on legitimate local interests. This is why we hold a Public Hearing to elicit that information. She and the Board continued reviewing the EAF.

Councilwoman Strawinski said the CAC recommended that fuel on site be eliminated, possibly use local gas stations. What would be the pros and cons?

Pete Setaro explained trying to maneuver the highway equipment through local service stations could be a problem.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Supervisor Crane, moved to accept the full Environmental Assessment Form as discussed and reviewed and proceed with the Negative Declaration.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Crane, Ross, Latimer
	Nays	2	Strawinski, Colgan

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any comments.

Linda Keeling referenced a statement made that there was no contamination in the last 40 years. She said that around 1990 Norman Greig sued the Town because his wells were contaminated with salt. The salt piles were not covered.

Councilman Ross responded that she is not 100% correct. The wells on the property that Norman Greig purchased were abandoned somewhere in the 50's and that's when they put Village water to that property. At the time that cold storage was saline refrigeration and they used saline ponds on site. After he bought that property he claimed that contamination came from the Town. That was not the truth, nor was it ever proven.

Ann Rubin asked if any soil testing has been done

Supervisor Crane responded that soil testing was done when they were prepared to move ahead in January of 2004. Supervisor Crane or Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand have the results of that testing.

RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION FOR ANDERSON COMMONS

Attorney Scott Volkman representing Anderson Commons brought forward a resolution conditionally approving the transportation corporation for the Anderson Commons project. He

did provide Attorney Chale additional documentation and he presented a revised resolution for the Board. He reviewed the revisions with the Board. In order to provide services the corporation has to be formed. The corporation can't be formed without the consent of the Town Board and the Village Board. Although there is an intermunicipal agreement between the municipalities as to certain functions associated with the transportation corporation, they each still retain their independent right to consent to its formation. We have a project that has been before the Town and Village for a very long time. We have approvals and once the consents are granted the permit will be issued to allow them to discharge and treat sewage. The Village adopted a similar resolution and they are prepared to move forward. These authorizations will allow Anderson Commons to file Phase I of the plan. The resolution before the Board tonight says they are approving the formation of the transportation corporation subject to a number of conditions. Because this will be a rate making process by intermunicipal agreement the Village is going to be the rate making authority so there is a consistent rate between the properties in the Town and in the Village. No one is asked to approve rates at this time. He reviewed the conditions with the Board.

Councilman Colgan clarified that the bond to operate the transportation corporation expires in five years.

Attorney Volkman explained that it is a system that the residents of the area will be responsible for. The 45 homes benefitting from this will be responsible for the ongoing cost and expenses associated with the maintenance and operation of the system. The budget holds a reserve for periodic overhauls of the system and replacement after twenty years.

Councilman Colgan does not want this to become a problem for the Town. The County Water and Wastewater has not accepted this sewer system so that adds to his concern. He is also concerned about the monthly cost to the homeowners.

Attorney Volkman said the purpose of this whole system has to be served as a single unit. In order to do that one entity has to be in charge. We would have to form a district in both municipalities so we would have the authority to levy taxes as we would need to against those owners. The Town at some point could be asked to participate in forming a district. The Village has assumed lead responsibility for the system from construction on forward. It doesn't mean they are going to be paying for it. The intent is for the owners to pay for it.

Engineer Pete Setaro explained that if this project was started with the thought that they would ask Dutchess County Water and Wastewater to take this over they would have done things differently. The County Water and Wastewater Authority has a different set of standards and specifications that are above and beyond New York State Health Department requirements. When they started the project they based it on NY State and Dutchess County Department of Health requirements. DC Water & Wastewater are not interested in taking over sub surface sewer systems. They prefer systems that can be added on to like a sewage treatment plant. Also the plans were not done to their level of detail. We already had DCBOH approval as well as fulfilled other requirements.

Attorney Volkman explained that the DC Water & Wastewater Authority is not critical of the design of our system they just said they are not interested in having that type of system in their inventory right now. They want sewage treatment plants.

Pete Setaro explained that the corporation operating the transportation corporation is entitled to a certain percent of profit. As part of the rate schedule they used a number of 5% rate of return. If it is operated and budgeted correctly it can make a small profit. They worked together with the developer to come up with different monthly payment options and this was what they felt was an option that would allow the developer to be able to market the property. The developer has to be able to market the houses.

Supervisor Crane asked Attorney Chale if she was comfortable with the conditional approval as it reads.

Attorney Chale responded yes, she'll prepare the conditional resolution so we would have assurance that documents and agreements that have been presented to us will actually be required to be executed at some point in time even though they will phase the project. We still need to

see final plans and specifications that they are reflecting comments that are implementing Phase II subdivision approval. They've made all the document changes we requested so she is comfortable. She can't speak to the financial aspect.

Councilman Colgan said she can't speak to the financial aspect or the long term implications to the Town. It is possible that after five years we could find ourselves owning it.

Attorney Chale explained you need to look at if you have a project that is well engineered, do you have a project that you have adequate assurances that it is going to be constructed the way it is supposed to be constructed, and that the financial plan seems feasible.

Councilman Colgan asked if he is misreading this that we can own this in five years.

Attorney Chale responded after five years the requirement is that they at least provide you with assurances through five years. If at that point the Board doesn't think the financial plan is not one a reasonable developer or operator would be interested in continuing to own and operate and would tend to want to abandon it, then the concern would be at that point that you would probably look to form a district and obviously the cost of the district would be on the homeowners. The cost of running a district should not fall on the Town it should be on the district itself. If that should happen you are not dealing with the entire project.

Councilman Colgan feels there are too many unknowns.

Attorney Chale answered there are always unknowns.

Supervisor Crane asked if we are just dealing with the first phase.

Attorney Chale said we are looking at the transportation corporation conditional resolution. It approves the transportation corporation that is required for Phase II. We understand they are expecting to move forward first with Phase I but they are looking to have the approval put in place for Phase II.

Councilman confirmed that this is for Phase II only.

Attorney Volkman reemphasized that the agreement between the Town, Village and developer and the stock escrow agreement all state that in the event of abandonment the parties agree that the stock of the corporation would be transferred to the Village not to the Town. He again stressed that under this agreement the Village would take ownership.

Councilman Ross said this provides as much protection as we can for those future homeowners.

Councilman Latimer asked under what conditions we could end up with the stock ownership of this transportation corporation.

Attorney Chale supposes if the Village refused to enforce the agreement, refused to take the stock and the Town thought it was necessary to protect the residents then you might move forward and try to create a district.

Attorney Volkman said you have a contract with them that could be enforced. The three party agreement says the Village okayed it and it is an enforceable contract. When we talked earlier the Town did not want that responsibility so they went to the Village who agreed to assume that responsibility.

Councilman Ross explained how Red Hook took ownership of a water district in the mid 80's that always had problems. It was taken over and a committee was formed to manage that district. We built a water tower, improved the system, drilled new wells, and it is the best water anywhere and is very well run. Just to answer the question if anything could possibly happen.

Councilman Colgan is not nearly concerned about water as he is about the sewers. They are so much more complex than water.

Supervisor Crane said they have done everything we asked and it is up to us to conditionally approve this transportation corporation or not.

RESOLUTION 2008 #76

RE: CONDITIONALLY APPROVING TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION FOR ANDERSON COMMONS

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

Adopted	Ayes	3	Crane, Ross, Latimer
	Nays	2	Strawinski, Colgan

Copy Attached

Councilwoman Strawinski is not comfortable voting on this because she said she needs more time to review the changes that are well documented. She asked what the impact would be for Attorney Volkman’s client if the vote was put off until the December 30th meeting.

Attorney Volkman explained the changes and what they went through to get this done. The changes were not substantive.

Attorney Chale said we discussed the issues several months ago and the primary changes were financial plans and were addressed. If you have questions she can review the agreement. The purpose is primarily to have a three way agreement to implement that they proceed to put up bonds, pay for inspections, and provide for stock escrow. The previous agreement was to have the Village be the lead in going forward.

Attorney Volkman thanked the Board for their time and if anyone has questions he would be glad to answer them.

MVP HEALTH PLAN APPROVAL – PREFERRED EPO 15

Supervisor Crane referred to the Preferred EPO that was a very favorably described option at the last Town Board meeting. The average percentage of increase was 3.6% lower in premiums to the Town. MVP sent the Town a time sensitive letter regarding the Town’s product selection.

Councilman Ross read through the information provided to him and thinks it looks very good. He asked if someone is out of area, would they be covered.

Supervisor Crane informed him that this is a plan that is connected to a national network, the CIGNA network, so the opportunity to receive coverage out of area is better than it has been. There are no referrals required and the reduction of inpatient copayment is very nice. There are several reduced copayments. The only downside was prescription drugs had a slight increase in copayments. There is no deductible and no cap on drugs.

On a motion of Councilman Latimer, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski, moved to go to the MVP EPO 15 Health Plan.

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

Supervisor Crane will notify Greg Palmiter of the Board’s decision.

FIRE CONTRACT

Supervisor Crane asked about the fire contract.

Councilman Latimer answered that the Board should schedule a Public Hearing for December 30, 2008.

Supervisor Crane asked if we can schedule a Public Hearing without the actual document in hand.

Attorney Chale thinks we should have the documents so we know what the proposal is.

Councilman Latimer thinks it is 3% and said we have the contract in written form and thought Attorney Chale did it.

Attorney Chale did not do the contract for this coming year. She does not know what the proposal is. If you know what the proposal is you can call a Public Hearing.

Supervisor Crane thinks it is a 3% increase we budgeted for.

Councilman Colgan asked if we can call for a Public Hearing for the first meeting of the new year.

Town Clerk Sue McCann has the prepared resolution ready and needs at least two to three days notice for the newspapers.

Attorney Chale advised when meeting with the fire company take the current contract and make sure to address the LOSAP costs. They should have a better handle on the numbers at this point.

Supervisor Crane believes we have the LOSAP costs from Tivoli and we are waiting for the LOSAP costs from the Village of Red Hook who is coordinating the LOSAP payments. It's just a matter of getting it together.

POLICE CONTRACT

Supervisor Crane referred to the Police contract. The Board received copies of notification from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department and also a Village Police schedule that shows where we have time shared for Village Police and Town coverage. She finds it difficult to believe that the Sheriff's department is charging .89 cents per mile. She reviewed the costs for coverage and the days of coverage. The Village Police contract remains in place from January 1, 2008 until we receive further notice from them. If there are changes she will keep the Board informed.

2009 REORGANIZATION

Supervisor Crane referred to copies of the 2009 reorganization list and told the Board that Town Clerk Sue McCann did a current reorganization update subject to change at the first of the year. Supervisor Crane announced that if anyone is interested in serving on a committee to submit a letter of interest to Town Clerk McCann with their experience and background as to why they would be suitable for the committee. Some appointments are for two years, others for five years.

COURT GRANT

Supervisor Crane announced that she received a letter from Judge Jeff Martin and Judge Jonah Triebwasser that they have obtained the court grant from New York State for \$15,587.93. They will be on the December 30 agenda to discuss that grant.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane referred to the following correspondence:

- A letter of resignation received from Kevin Zulch from the Economic Development Committee so there will be an opening on that committee.
- A letter from Elizabeth Doyle of the DC Department of Planning and Development that our Community Development Block Grant application has been sent to the County Executive. The Town applied for \$130,000 and the Village applied for \$130,000. The money will be used for the sidewalks that connect Park Avenue with the Recreation Park. A Public Hearing will be held on Friday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the DC Department of Planning and Development, 27 High Street in Poughkeepsie, NY.
- We received from the Department of Environmental Conservation, two results of visual inspections. One is of Annandale dam and the other Red Hook Mills dam. They consider these inspections classifying both as Class B immediate hazard dams. They have some structural issues and they recommend Historic Hudson Valley who owns Annandale Dam retain a professional engineer licensed in New York State to fully evaluate the dam and provide recommendations to bring the dam into conformance with dam safety criteria. As to the immediate hazard in the Red Hook Mills dam, they did not recommend contracting with an engineer but recommend the removal of overgrown brush and seeding for erosion resistance for the earth and embankment dam areas.

- The US Bureau of Census notified us that they will conduct a 2010 census and asked Red Hook to become a partner. Supervisor Crane will provide them with information about the Town that they requested. The letter was sent by the Hudson Valley Regional Council.
- John Kuhn submitted a request. He would like the Board to consider allowing him to store a car in the garage at St. Margaret's Home for the winter. He asked the Board to set a price that is reasonable and let him know. She asked the Board to think about it and get back to her about what they think would be a reasonable price to use the empty garage. The building is insured and John said the car is insured. Supervisor Crane will also get Attorney Chale's opinion regarding the request.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's Report for November and December will be presented at the December 30th meeting.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period of November 1 to November 30, 2008 was read as follows: amount remitted to Supervisor - \$1,335.20; amount remitted to County Treasurer for dog licenses - \$64.62; amount remitted to NY State Ag. & Markets - \$6.00; amount remitted to NY State Department of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$67.50; amount remitted to NY State Environmental Conservation - \$1,559.43.

Town Clerk McCann announced that as of December 22nd, recycling permits for 2009 will be on sale. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Residents can purchase the permits by mail by sending a self addressed stamped envelope with their name, address and telephone number along with a check for \$12.00 payable to the Town Clerk. She also announced that our main telephone number is now 758-4600. Callers will be prompted to the appropriate office. Town Clerk McCann advised residents to utilize our Town website www.redhook.org. It is a wonderful site and is full of information. The site has agendas, minutes, an updated Town calendar, contact directory, printable forms, Public Hearing notices, and information about flu clinics, senior housing, as well as a link section that takes you to the Motor Vehicle site, Red Hook Chamber of Commerce, Red Hook Schools and library, among many other things. She urged residents to utilize the site. It is the place to get the Town's official information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Crane opened the meeting to public comments.

Linda Keeling asked if it makes sense to have multiple year recycling permits to reduce the number that the Town Clerk would have to collect.

Town Clerk McCann will look into that. It costs about .25 cents a week to use the Recycling Center at the present fee.

Councilwoman Strawinski announced the Winter Farm Market at the Elmendorf on Saturday December 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tivoli is having their Winterfest from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. On Sunday there is a candle light service from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Burnett and White Funeral Home in memory of children who passed away.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Councilman Colgan, moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk