

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2010

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 William O'Neill
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale
Business Manager Deborah Marks

Supervisor Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's monthly report dated January 31, 2010 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$1,805,159.46; Receipts - \$343,764.86; Disbursed - \$529,207.54; Balance - \$1,619,716.78. Supervisor Crane referred to budget adjustments being made to the 2009 budget. She asked Business Manager Deb Marks to make that report.

Business Manager Marks reported that in the General A Fund: total increase in revenues - \$7,472.00; total increase in appropriations - \$1,620; offset to the fund balance: reduce appropriated fund balance - \$5,852.00. In the General B Fund: total reduce revenues - \$1,070.00; total increase in revenues - \$3,381.00; total reduce appropriations - \$5,070.00; total increase in appropriations - \$4,182.00; offset to the fund balance: reduce appropriated fund balance to \$3,199.00. In the Highway DB Fund: reducing revenue \$7,600.00; increasing revenue \$1,118.00; Total reduce in appropriations - \$22,197.00; total increase in appropriations - \$2,637.00; offset to the fund balance: reduce appropriated fund balance - \$13,078.00. She moved on to the "Ross Report", the mortgage tax and sales tax report, and detailed those balances. Deb also supplied the Expenditure and Revenue report for December to the Board.

Supervisor Crane told the Board that in their packet of information she provided the projected debt schedule for the Highway equipment replacement. She thanked Deb Marks for bringing Jack Georger, who was the CPA for the Town for many years. He now has a wealth of experience in larger towns. He was in the area last week and he came in and met with her because when we struggled over the budget and the need to contain expenses and to plan for long range capital expenditures, we acknowledged that we were at the end of the capital plan that we had developed years ago. Jack Georger, Business Manager Deb Marks and Supervisor Crane talked about the possibility of him coming back to lead us with some long range planning. It is his expertise and he agreed to develop a proposal for us. His thought was to lead the board in a retreat, maybe on a Saturday morning, and spend some hours looking at five years ahead so that we aren't confronted with severe budget cutbacks. She will share his proposal when we get it.

Deb Marks presented the Highway vehicle inventory.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to accept the Supervisor's report with the budget adjustments as read.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
 Nays 0

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period January 1, 2010 to January 31, 2010 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to Supervisor - \$4,807.66; amount remitted to County Treasurer for dog licenses - \$109.27; amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$51.00; amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$22.50; amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$234.32.

Town Clerk Sue McCann reminded residents that the 2010 Recycle Center permits are for sale and are now \$15.00 for one and \$18.00 for two.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brenda Cagle, CAC Chair, presented information on the work they've been doing on the NYSERDA RFP10 grant application which is due February 17th. She apologized for the short notice and provided the Board with a copy of the grant as well as a two page list of recommendations they are making. She gave a synopsis of the project, and introduced Molly Williams who is their point person for the grant.

Molly Williams described the project through NYSERDA that gives small municipalities money for energy conservation projects. We can apply for up to \$500,000 that can be used over two years. She proposed four projects, St. Margaret's, Rec. Park lighting project, renewal energy project on behalf of the Fire Company, and the materials conservation project. She explained what was involved in each of the projects and that they are still working on the details. This is one of many funding opportunities for environmental and energy efficient projects through the federal government.

Brenda said that the CAC will be applying on the Firehouse's behalf.

Councilman O'Neill asked if we can assume that the fire company, by matching \$12,000, is in favor of solar panels on their roof.

Molly responded yes.

The Board discussed the application and what is involved with the Town in regard to the Fire Department.

Councilman O'Neill commented that bottom line, the Fire Company wants it. It doesn't cost the Town anything.

Supervisor Crane interjected that it costs the Town to the extent that we have the bookkeeping and tracking responsibility and that's something. She asked the Board to keep in mind that we are impacting the personnel in Town Hall each time one of these grants is applied for. We are impacting personnel here that deal with day to day business of the Town Hall. In terms of personnel effort, energy and time, it costs us.

Councilman Colgan thinks the energy upgrade at St. Margaret's is very important to make it habitable. We also need to support the Fire Department because solar panels would lower the cost of operating that building quite substantially.

The Board continued discussion regarding the CAC grant application and its suggested uses.

Councilman Ross asked, regarding the Materials Conservation grant should we get it, if it would give us an idea of what it might cost to run a composting facility. It is a day to day cost we will have forever.

Brenda responded that it can be run any way you'd want to, it is flexible. She gave examples.

Councilman Ross verified that the fourth grant would pay for someone to manage the other three should we get them.

Molly said the cost effectiveness of the projects is weighed very heavily.

Discussion continued regarding the grants.

Supervisor Crane said the Board understands the request and will take it up a little later in the meeting.

Robert Latimer commented that these are noble causes and while he agrees the business of the Town is to establish and promote grants, he reminded the Town Board that the Fire Department is a private corporation. Managing a grant on behalf of the Fire Department will absolutely have a direct cost to the Town. There will be expenses associated with managing that money. He is not against it if it is worked out properly. The other point he made is that material rehabilitation has extraordinary costs. It has equipment demands that are tantamount to those of a gravel bank. He described the equipment and processes involved and commented that this will have costs associated with it. He urged the Board to look deeply into the fiscal side of it.

Robert McKeon disagrees, Red Hook taxpayers are taxed for the Red Hook Fire District. If we are able to remove the electric costs that would be a savings to taxpayers. He brought up the PV system for the Red Hook Town Hall. NYSERDA expects to announce the recipient of that grant application on Wednesday.

Paula Schoonmaker said this is a perfect time for St Margaret's and she is solidly behind this.

There were no further comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- Energy savings at Town Hall was \$337 for 2009.
- There was a correction in the newspaper concerning St. Margaret's grant through Senator Saland's Office. The amount of the grant was \$90,000
- There was an article in the February issue of Conservationist Magazine about the Town of Red Hook.
- On February 27th at SUNY New Paltz, there will be a seminar on "Keeping Pace With Energy Options" It is geared for those involved in municipal decision making.
- The staff have been scheduled to meet with Brad Palmiter to discuss the new health insurance program. He will discuss the new features of the plan.

Councilwoman Strawinski announced the following:

- Planning Board meeting on February 15th is cancelled
- There will be a monthly Chamber breakfast on February 17th at 7:30
- February 18th from 3 – 5 pm is a ribbon cutting at the Historic Village Diner celebrating their 60th anniversary.
- The winter farm market is on February 13th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- A food drive at the Red Hook Fire House from 1 – 3 pm. next Tuesday
- A dance party and community fundraiser called "Heartscrabble" at Cappuccino's on February 27th from 5:00 - 11:30. It will help raise funds for Hardscrabble Day, the food pantry and Red Cross Haiti relief.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – VEHICLE INVENTORY REPORT

Supervisor Crane explained that there is a need for a replacement truck. The Board had a week to review the information. She thanked Deputy Highway Superintendent Rob Taylor for attending the meeting and being available to answer any questions. She asked Attorney Chale to lead the Board through the process.

Attorney Chale explained that she spoke to Interim Highway Superintendent Richard Schloemer and got the final numbers of the truck cost. On that basis she prepared a bond resolution which she reviewed with the Board.

Councilman Colgan said that the Highway Department proposes to buy a ten wheeler dump truck that has a stainless steel body. A stainless steel body is an extra expenditure that is intended to prolong the life of the truck. It will have an automatic transmission which is a plus in terms of the life of the truck. We are not sure what element of engine we will get.

Attorney Chale pointed out that the price is based on State contract bid.

Supervisor Crane acknowledged Interim Highway Superintendent Rich Schloemer and Deputy Highway Superintendent Rob Taylor for the work they've done. She appreciates all they did behind the scenes.

Attorney Chale read the first part of the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2010 # 8

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SANDER FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES AND ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$225,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR

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, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

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On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to authorize the Highway Superintendent to proceed with the purchase of the truck.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

DCSMA MEETING - COUNTY WIDE SHARED SERVICES LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Crane explained that she and Deputy Supervisor Rob Latimer attended the Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association meeting that featured a resolution. She and Deputy Supervisor Latimer were very interested in the shared services aspect of the study the Supervisors and Mayors of Dutchess County are proposing that all municipalities support. She asked Deputy Supervisor Latimer to share the correspondence from Supervisor John Wagner from the Town of LaGrange.

Deputy Supervisor Latimer explained the information regarding shared services and the county wide acceptance of it. One of the topics of interest was getting the Towns to support a resolution for a joint application with other municipalities to the New York State Department of State's 2009-2010 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program for the purposes of seeking funding for a General Efficiency Planning Grant to enter into a study of regional collaboration and shared services with the intent to achieve cost savings and economies of scale. He explained that they'd like all the members to sign on to this to minimize the cost to about \$100 for each member town for the grant amount of \$30,000.

Councilman Colgan went to a prior meeting and it wasn't clear how that would be done. Patterns for Progress was there promoting this.

Deputy Supervisor Latimer explained that the Town of LaGrange will be the lead applicant and they will look to support Patterns for Progress in developing a county wide assessment of where they target shared services. They would make a priority list, probably based on feasibility. They'll look at town group consortiums as well as county wide possibilities.

Councilman Colgan is involved in the Northern Dutchess Alliance who is doing the same thing. Councilwoman Strawinski referred to Jeffrey Haber, Executive Director of the Association of Towns, who at the last Association of Towns meeting didn't speak highly of county wide consolidation of services. In fact, he was vehemently against it. She said the three municipalities did form a shared services committee. She would like Deputy Supervisor Latimer's input at their next meeting.

Supervisor Crane commented that the point is that the Town has to sign on to the resolution at tonight's meeting or it will be too late for the deadline.

Councilman O'Neill said for \$100 we owe it to ourselves to try to see what proposal at the county level they can come up with. We have to try to get grant money any time we can for public purpose.

Councilman Ross is ready to move on it.

Supervisor Crane asked Dutchess County Legislator Ben Traudt if he had anything to say about the proposal.

DC Legislator Ben Traudt expects that it will be on their agenda for the March meeting.

RESOLUTION 2010 # 9

RE: IN SUPPORT OF A JOINT APPLICANT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S 2009-2010 LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSES OF SEEKING FUNDING FOR A GENERAL EFFICIENCY PLANNING GRANT TO ENTER INTO A STUDY OF REGIONAL COLLABORATION AND SHARED SERVICES WITH THE INTENT TO ACHIEVE COST SAVINGS AND ECONOMIES OF SCALE

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan, seconded by Councilman James Ross, moved to support the grant.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
 Nays 0

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On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the CAC to continue their pursuit of applications for the four grants.

Adopted Ayes 5 Ross, Crane, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2010 #10

RE: IN SUPPORT OF THE NYSERDA GRANT APPLICATION RFP 10
(RENEWABLE ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE RED HOOK FIRE
COMPANY)

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill, seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan
moved to accept the resolution as prepared by the CAC subject to technical changes that are
required to meet the standards of the grant application.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O’Neill
 Nays 0

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HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT VACANCY

Supervisor Crane informed the public that the Town Board is moving ahead with consideration
of a Highway Superintendent.

REORGANIZATION 2010

Supervisor Crane referred to an updated draft appointment list dated January 22. There was a
request for information about the ZBA from some members of the Board.
Councilwoman Strawinski asked about the RFP for engineers.
Supervisor Crane knows Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy is working on it but does not know if it is
completed.
Supervisor Crane spoke to Jack Gilfeather who has represented us on our insurance board,
NYMIR.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross moved to reappoint
Jack Gilfeather to represent the Town of Red Hook on the NYMIR Board.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O’Neill
 Nay 0

Supervisor Crane explained that committee chairs were contacted and asked to report on
attendance. We were unsuccessful in some cases and successful in others.

Ag. & Open Space Committee – Supervisor Crane asked about interest of those members whose
terms are up.

Councilman O’Neill said that Co-Chairs MaryAnn Johnson and Larry Thetford are interested in
staying on through 2010. Rich Biezynski, Ken Migliorelli and Larry Thetford agreed to stay on.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Councilman Colgan, moved to
reappoint Rich Biezynski, Ken Migliorelli, and Larry Thetford for terms to expire December 31,
2011, and to reappoint MaryAnn Johnson and Larry Thetford as Co-Chairs terms expire
December 31, 2010.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O’Neill
 Nays 0

Community Preservation Fund Committee – Supervisor Crane said that Miriam Latzer the farm
representative resigned from the committee. Supervisor Crane explained that we need to have
their minutes. It is important for the records.

Councilman Colgan said the committee completed the farm analysis. The other issue is dealing
with historic places and they’ve gotten advice from our attorney on that and natural resources has
yet to be done.

Attorney Chale explained the terms of the committee membership.

Councilman Colgan reviewed each member of the committee.

Design Review Committee – no letters of interest have been received for the one vacancy.

CAC – There was one vacancy and a letter of interest.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Councilman Ross moved to appoint Molly Williams term to expire December 31, 2011.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
 Nays 0

Disaster Preparedness – Supervisor Crane informed the Board that Tim Muldoon is moving ahead with Linda Stoddard to update the disaster preparedness plan.

EDC – Councilwoman Strawinski received a letter of interest that she forwarded to the committee. They would like to look at the letter and make a recommendation. Supervisor Crane asked if there was only one letter. Town Clerk Sue McCann said there were a couple of letters of interest. Councilwoman Strawinski had a letter from Ben Shute and one from Pat Kelly current Planning Board member. Supervisor Crane is not in favor of a member of the Planning Board representing another committee. She would ask the person to either stay on the Planning Board or move to another committee. Councilwoman Strawinski said the EDC Task Force recommended reducing the membership from eleven members to nine.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to reduce that committee to nine members as per the recommendation of the Task Force.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
 Nays 0

Councilwoman Strawinski received a resignation letter from Bob Airhart. She also received an e-mail from Leo Sieverding that he was not interested in serving. Town Clerk Sue McCann said that she did not receive any correspondence concerning the resignations. Supervisor Crane did not receive those either. The Board discussed the membership of the EDC. Supervisor Crane requested minutes from their meetings. Councilman Ross wants the Board to see the letters from those who resigned.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to appoint Michelle Martin as Chair of the EDC term to expire December 31, 2010.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
 Nays 0

Farmland Protection Committee – Councilman Ross spoke to Rich Biezynski, Ken Migliorelli and Frank Knobloch, and they are all interested in continuing on the committee.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to reappoint Rich Biezynski, Ken Migliorelli, and Frank Knobloch to the Farmland Protection Committee terms to expire December 31, 2011.

Adopted Ayes 5 Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
 Nays 0

Councilman Ross will speak to MaryAnn Johnson about remaining as Chair.

Greenway & Trails Committee – Supervisor Crane said we've had a fair amount of interest in the Greenway & Trails Committee. She shared with the Board, the letters that came forward.

Councilwoman Strawinski commented that Marina Michahelles, attended only two meetings, but having been to the meetings she attended, she brings a great amount of energy and knowledge so Councilwoman Strawinski recommended that she be reappointed to serve until 2011.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski move to reappoint Marina Michahelles to the Greenway & Trails Committee. Motion not seconded. Motion failed.

The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Supervisor Crane commented that she attended two meetings and brings a lot of interest?
Councilwoman Strawinski said she attended meetings with Bard College, the DEC and started working on projects. She was appointed late as well.
Supervisor Crane responded that she was appointed in February of 2009.
Councilwoman Strawinski will ask Marina if she would be interested in serving as an advisor.
Supervisor Crane said she is welcome to attend meetings. She doesn't know about an advisor.
She is either on or off the committee.
Councilwoman Strawinski knows she'd like to stay on but knows there is concern about her attendance.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross moved to appoint Bruce Cuttler to the Greenway & Trails Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Councilman Colgan, moved to appoint Vicki Perry to the Greenway & Trails Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

Intermunicipal Shared Services Task Force – Councilman Colgan said the committee is in place.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Councilman O'Neill said they are still trying to get Tivoli involved and need a member from the ZBA. It is still a work in progress. Centers & Greenspace is done. It is a matter of getting different parts of the community together to fine tune it.

Planning Board – Supervisor Crane said there are two letters of interest as far as she knows.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to reappoint Christine Kane as Chair of the Planning Board term to expire December 31, 2010.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	1	Ross

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski, seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to reappoint Charles Laing to the Planning Board for a seven year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

Councilwoman Strawinski asked if anyone heard from Chair Christine Kane as to whether or not she received the letter of interest from Brian Walker. She thinks he has impressive credentials. Supervisor Crane presumes it was sent to her. She will take care of it.

St. Margaret's Committee – The Board discussed the number of the membership. There are three vacancies.

Senior Services Committee – Supervisor Crane asked Councilwoman Strawinski to look into the interest of those whose terms expired.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to reappoint Andrew Kehr as Chair of the Senior Services Committee term to expire December 31, 2010.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

Tree Preservation Commission – up to date

Water District #1 Water Board – up to date

Zoning Board of Appeals – Supervisor Crane said there is a lot of information regarding the ZBA. They have information on attendance, letters of interest and credits earned for educational

programs taken. She directed a comment to Councilman O'Neill that he didn't have enough information to make a decision last week.

Councilman O'Neill has gone over the information.

Councilman Ross read Corinne Weber's letter of interest to continue to serve.

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to reappoint Corinne Weber for a seven year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Failed	Ayes	2	Crane, Ross
	Nays	3	Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill

Supervisor Crane discussed Trilby Sieverding's letter of interest and her course certification. She has served as alternate on the ZBA for a number of years. Supervisor Crane received a note from ZBA Chair Nick Annas who does support Trilby Sieverding.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross moved to appoint Trilby Sieverding to the ZBA.

Failed	Ayes	2	Crane, Ross
	Nays	3	Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill

The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Councilman Ross commented that Trilby's attendance has been very good as an alternate on the ZBA and has taken a total of 16 credit hours even though she is an alternate. She has educated herself and has proven that she has great interest and would be an asset to the Zoning Board. Councilwoman Strawinski is not in favor of Trilby Sieverding because she and her husband did sue the Town on zoning issues.

Supervisor Crane told Councilwoman Strawinski that is a very inappropriate thing to say. It is a poor choice on her part.

Councilman Ross does not understand. We have an alternate who has attended the meetings. That was the purpose of alternates, to fill vacancies on our Boards. He asked how they sit on this Board and vote against that. It's the very reason alternates were created. He'd like an understanding of their decision making process.

Councilman O'Neill told him that he has an excellent understanding of his own decision making process.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to appoint Christopher Carney to the ZBA for a seven year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	2	Crane, Ross

The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Councilman Ross asked who he is.

Councilman Colgan responded that he has the resume. He is an engineer at IBM, lives on Hapeman Hill Road, has a couple of kids in school and has an engineering background and has a decision making position.

Supervisor Crane does not know him.

Councilman Ross does not know him and said that doesn't tell much about him.

Councilwoman Strawinski commented that in all fairness, we did ask to have Bill Walker's application sent to the Planning Board, has Chris Carney's been sent to the ZBA?

Councilman Colgan believes so.

Councilman O'Neill commented that he's spoken to Chris Carney at length about the prospect of being on the ZBA. He understands and has an appreciation for some of the zoning proposals in the Town to come before the Board. It was important to think in terms of someone who has a logical engineer type background, or someone who would approach the issues presented to the ZBA with common sense and an analytic design without regard to personality. Someone who has a feeling, quite frankly, for the Centers and Greenspace Plan. It is for those reasons he would vote for him to be on the ZBA. There comes a time when you do have to have change. We've seen resistance in the Town government. From his point of view, what is needed is new personality and more energy from people who would look favorably at new zoning proposals.

Supervisor Crane feels unable to support him because she doesn't know him. She is very disappointed at the Board's decision.

Councilman Ross does not know him either and Councilman O'Neill's comments don't make sense to him for a decision making person who sits on our ZBA. Zoning is not black and white, it is gray and you have to have an understanding of that and what works best for the neighborhood. Nobody has proven to him that this candidate would be anywhere close as good as the two candidates that we voted against. He cannot support it. He asked about alternates for the ZBA. Supervisor Crane would like to pole if we have interested persons after tonight. She'd like to hold that.

Zoning Review Committee – Councilman O'Neill reported last month that Sue Simon would continue as Chair and Marcy Appell would also like to continue until 2011. The Ag & Open Space Committee and the EDC are both working on finding a representative to the ZRC.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill, seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to reappoint Susan Simon as Chair term to expire December 31, 2010 and Marcy Appell as at-large community member term to expire December 31, 2011.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane received the following correspondence:

- A memo from Victoria Polidaro from Attorney Chale's office, regarding the Environmental Protection Overlay District dated February 4, confirming that those issues of the Historic and Scenic areas will be on the February 24th agenda.
- She acknowledged a letter from Thomas Egan regarding the Red Hook Public Library. It is lengthy so she asked the Board to review it. We will have a presentation by Mr. Ramage, President of the RH Public Library. He will report transitions taking place at the library.
- A note from Jennifer Rowland who requests a stop sign was forwarded to the Highway Department for consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dick Hansen commented that he has been listening to the Board. If you don't agree with each other, you don't harass them, you don't bring up dirty laundry. You go to court, you go through a process. That's the American way. To say that you don't want someone to serve on a Town governing body because they pursued the American process, isn't becoming of you.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked Mr. Hansen if he felt the same way when Jim and Sue did the same thing to a member of the CAC.

Supervisor Crane interceded that this is public comment period. We are not going to be argumentative.

Dick Hansen commented that when Councilwoman Strawinski was elected, she published a letter that called many of us ignorant. That was the American way too. He thinks that what she is doing by dishonoring her position shows ignorance itself.

Linda Keeling asked if Mr. Ramage will discuss the addition that is being put on the library. Supervisor Crane responded yes, he is coming to explain the progress that is being made at the library and all the changes they are in transition about.

Linda Keeling asked if the Board is involved in the changes going on at the library.

Supervisor Crane responded no. It was voted by way of referendum that taxes are collected to support both the Red Hook Public Library and the Tivoli Library.

Councilman Ross explained that we collect the taxes but have nothing to say about what they do.

Linda Keeling said she knows grant money is involved and she hadn't seen a public notice.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to go to Executive Session at 10:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a particular person.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Colgan, moved to close the executive session at 11:18 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

On a motion of Councilman Colgan, seconded by Councilman Ross, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Strawinski, Colgan, O'Neill
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk