

## RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 28, 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  
Councilwoman Micki Strawinski  
Councilman James Ross  
Councilman Harry Colgan  
Councilman William O'Neill  
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst  
Absent: 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.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Supervisor Crane* made the following announcements:

- The Town Recreation Committee had a wonderful tribute to Bob Bowman and Gordie Mergendahl last Saturday. They donated years and years of their time and talents to make the Recreation Park what it is. Two trees were planted in their memory.
  - Recreation Dept. Director John Kuhn nominated a local teacher, Barbara Murray, for a Professional Teachers Award. Notification came today that she received the award and will be honored on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dutchess Community College. Contact Supervisor Crane or Recreation Director John Kuhn for further information.
  - The Red Hook Chamber of Commerce held a breakfast at the Grand Duchess. Many business people were in attendance.
  - The Carnegie Medal was awarded to Stacie Behan for her heroism. She ran to an accident to help an injured driver, unbuckled his seatbelt and pulled him to safety.
  - A fire broke out at the Harrison Farm on W. Kerley Corners Rd. It destroyed the main barn and dozens of livestock. Julie and Jeff Harrison lost a lot but gained support of the community.
  - The Northern Dutchess Alliance is sponsoring a forum on strengthening and protection of our historic sites on June 16.
  - The Census Bureau is stressing how important it is to respond. It is critical to get back to them and residents can respond by phone by calling (866)872-6868. It is important to respond because the support we receive from the government depends on knowing how many people are in any given area.
  - NY State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation notified the Town that they have reviewed our application to receive more solar panels on the Town Hall. Upon their review they found there is no effect upon cultural resources that would make that application ineligible.
  - On May 14<sup>th</sup> the Down State Region Spring Seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn in Kingston. It is regarding fiscal management and is sponsored by the NY State GFO.
- Councilman O'Neill* announced the Arbor Day celebration on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. until noon at the Recreation Park. Many activities are planned.
- Councilwoman Strawinski* announced the Tour De Red Hook on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting at the south entrance of the Recreation Park.
- Councilman Colgan* said the rained out clean up at St. Margaret's has been rescheduled for this Sunday, May 2, at noon. All are welcome to help clean up.
- Councilwoman Strawinski* made the following announcements:
- The spring clean up was successful. A wonderful mix of members of the community participated and she thanked Robert McKeon for organizing the event and the Red Hook Central School District for allowing the use of the school.
  - Bard College commencement will take place on May 22. It is their 150<sup>th</sup> year.
  - Congressman Murphy's Office announced a grant for the Red Hook Fire Company for \$66, 500 from the Department of Homeland Security and FEMA from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.
  - Apple Blossom Day will take place on May 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - The Elmendorph Inn is hosting a photo contest that day, contact Karen Sipperley
  - The local publication About Town lists events in the area

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

*Supervisor Crane* opened the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst read the Public Hearing notice.

*Linda Keeling* is not in favor of changing the zoning law. People who have lived here a long time and have been paying their taxes have the right to know if there is a zoning change. This is the means by which they can be informed. Not everyone can access information from the newspaper or web sites. We need to inform our citizens. It is important to keep the information in the law.

*Marcy Appell* does not support the change. Zoning changes are some of the most important actions taken by the Town and are extremely important actions affecting landowners. She knows it is expensive to notify landowners but it is done all the time by the Planning Board and ZBA. It is not fair to have zoning changes and not to inform landowners about them.

*Rosemarie Zengen* thinks that all residents should be informed in as many ways as possible. It is absolutely necessary to make people aware and if it takes certified mail, then so be it.

*Al Trezza* understands that it is very expensive but it is the only fair way for a property owner to get proper notice of what may be affecting his property or property immediately adjacent to them. People want to know. Not all people read the newspaper or access the internet. There are people who live out of Town who would not get notice. He agrees with the previous speakers. He spoke to a gentleman who received an Ag. & Open Space questionnaire. The gentleman had no idea about the proposed zoning. It is of extreme importance to the landowners. They should be given every bit of notice possible. It also may save the Town from being attacked legally. That section is in the law in the first place to ensure that the Town is not faced with legal action on the grounds of improper notice.

*Ronald Teator* is a property owner who received a hand delivered Ag. & Open Space questionnaire. He doesn't know when the next meeting is and would like to know so that he can find out what is going on. He showed the questionnaire he received to Supervisor Crane.

*Councilman O'Neill* said what Mr. Teator received was a survey. He explained that the survey invites Mr. Teator to ask the Ag & Open Space Committee to come and see him.

*Mr. Teator* responded that nobody has done that. He only has Tuesday and Wednesday's off.

*Supervisor Crane* showed him where on the survey to respond so that someone can contact him.

*Councilman O'Neill* told Mr. Teator that Rich Biezynski is on that committee and can explain it.

*Rich Biezynski*, member of the Ag. & Open Space Committee, commented that about 175 letters were sent out and about half of those were hand delivered. They received 23 responses, four of which were blank. He believes that landowners are confused as you can see. They tried to send the survey out to clarify information and even then it may be confusing when you first see it. People don't realize that just being a landowner, it can affect them. It is very important that they do get a certified letter so we know if they received it. We have no idea if the half we mailed out were ever received. It is important to get a certified letter out.

*Al Trezza* never received a questionnaire, his brother-in-law never received a questionnaire, Pete Sturges never received a questionnaire, Rich Biezynski never received a questionnaire. One was sent to Al Trezza's wife, one was sent to Pete Sturges's wife Nydia. Al had comments regarding the survey to leave with Michele Greig. He explained that the best way to avoid problems is to get as much notice out as possible. He again asked to please not change the zoning law. There is a reason for it.

*Supervisor Crane* asked him to clarify if he suggested that the Town send duplicate notification to landowners' husbands and wives?

*Al Trezza* responded no, he thinks the questionnaire should have been addressed to himself and his wife. That would have been the courteous thing to do. It should go to the people who are the owners of record. One notice addressed to both is satisfactory.

*Robert McKeon* shares the sentiment that everyone who would be affected be notified. He suggested mailing by another method. Registered and first class would be cheaper and would accomplish the same goal.

*Christopher Klose* received his survey and filled it out. He supports the idea of informing landowners by certified mail. We need to inform the widest number of people.

*Supervisor Crane* thinks we might receive more written comments. We heard from the County whose response was that this is a matter of local concern. She asked the Board what they wanted to do regarding the Public Hearing.

*Attorney Chale* explained that the County said it is a matter of local concern so it is up to the Board to decide what to do.

*Councilman O'Neill* asked what the Planning Board said.

*Attorney Chale* responded that she heard from Planning Board Chair Christine Kane that she did not have comments.

*Councilman Colgan* asked if this is a local law unique to Red Hook.

*Attorney Chale* does not know if it is unique to Red Hook but it is not a State statute.

*Councilman Colgan* stated that it has obviously been on the books for some time.

*Al Trezza* (former Town Attorney) said it was on the books for a great number of years and they've struggled with this before. It is not a new issue and it is not unique to Red Hook. It was in prior laws. Every time there are major zoning changes you struggle with this issue. We've always felt in the past that we would rather err on the side of notice than non-notice. We were willing to spend the money to make sure everyone got notice rather than have it subjected to question at a later time.

*Marcy Appell* reiterated that the Planning Board sends out notices all the time about their actions and so does the ZBA. Those are lesser actions than this.

*Rosemarie Zengen* said that if she received a certified letter about the proposed sewer project she doesn't think she would be so vehemently opposed. She was very angry that she wasn't notified. If she had been notified she thinks her whole approach regarding the sewer district would have been different.

*Supervisor Crane* asked the Board if they wanted to close the Public Hearing or leave it open until the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for more comments.

*Councilwoman Strawinski* prefers to leave it open so that the Board can absorb what was said at the night's meeting. It would also give people time to respond in writing. She's sure there is a reasonable explanation as to why this law was enacted to begin with. She asked why it is we wanted to bring this change to begin with.

*Attorney Chale* told her it was just money.

*Councilman Colgan* said that people be given full notice is very important. How we notify them in the most efficient way is the important point.

*Supervisor Crane* said it sounds that leaving the Public Hearing open until May 11 will do no harm. She will put it on the agenda for May 11 and will receive comments from the public until then. The Public Hearing will be 7:45 to hear additional comments.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

*Supervisor Crane* opened for public comments.

*Al Trezza* handed his responses to a questionnaire that he did not receive to Councilman O'Neill. He asked him to give it to the Ag. & Open Space Committee.

*Councilman O'Neill* said they will be given to the Ag. & Open Space Committee and to the Task Force. They are summarizing the results and will hopefully make it available to the Town Board by the end of May.

*Robert McKeon* referred to the Harrison Farm fire. Larry Thetford established a fund for the family at the Old Dutch Church. Any contribution would be appreciated.

## **WATER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

*Water Department Chair Hank VanParys* gave the annual report for the water district. Copies were provided to the Board members. His report reviewed the organization, what they did last year, what they plan to do this coming year and in the future, water quality and financial and operating overview. Gerry Gilnack is a new member of the Water Board and has a lot of experience. Hank would like him to be Vice-Chairman of the Water Board. The Water District Operator has been replaced by United Water. A conduit will be replaced that carries power from the pump house to the well. Bard College has asked if we can provide them with water when they shut down their facility. We've been providing them with water intermittently for a long time. They had a meeting with Bard College and the Health Department. We are looking at Bard's needs and our capabilities. With one pump we can handle the Bard daily requirements plus our own. With two pumps available we are in good shape. We don't know when they are going to switch over. Another issue related to Bard is the tank inspection. Hank suspects they are going to be told to paint the tank this year. He estimates that cost to be upwards of a half million dollars. Our reserves are in good shape but they thought that Bard College should pick up perhaps half of that cost. The current contract says that painting the tank is solely the Town's responsibility. There is a clause in the contract with Bard that isn't needed. He met with Jim Brudvig and Chuck Simmons from Bard College and discussed changing the contract to replace their responsibility for water supply requirements with maintaining the tank requirement. Jim Brudvig thought that sounded like a reasonable request. He referred to a letter he drafted and if the Town Board and Attorney Chale are in agreement he will draft a formal letter to Bard College requesting a contract change. He continued reviewing the Water Department's operations and water quality then moved on to revenue.

A copy of the annual report for 2009 is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Councilman O'Neill* asked how our aquifer is doing. He said there is going to be a suggestion to the Town Board that we might need to update the aquifer study that Russell Urban Mead did. He suggested that he could do that by a simple addendum to his report. It would address the question of how the proposed sewer district for example, would impact the aquifer. He asked Hank VanParys if updating that report would be a good idea in light of the proposed zoning changes.

*Water Department Chair Hank VanParys* agreed that it is a good idea.

*Councilman O'Neill* responded that the Town Board would have to authorize him to do the addendum to the original report.

*Councilman Ross* thanked Water Department Chair Hank VanParys for the work he does. The Water Board does an excellent job.

*Supervisor Crane* said over the last fifteen years or so Hank and the Water Board have done a wonderful job improving the water system.

*Supervisor Crane* will put the contract on the agenda for the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. She wants to hear from our Town Attorney about that contract and get her take about an amendment.

*Councilwoman Strawinski* will recuse herself from that conversation.

### **COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROGRAM UPDATE – TED FINK**

*Supervisor Crane* introduced Ted Fink of Greenplan who has been working with the Community Preservation Fund Committee to create a plan that will be brought to the Town Board as a methodology to utilize the funds that we have been raising over time by way of the Community Preservation law. We have money in our coffers and won't spend it until the Town Board passes a plan. She asked that Ted Fink share where that CPF Committee is in that regard.

*Ted Fink* explained that Susan Ezrati, Chair of the CPF Committee, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He passed out a status report that explained the six major steps the committee has been working on as far as the community preservation project plan is concerned. He presented an overview of each of the steps, none of which have been finalized at this point.

Susan Ezrati believes this can be completed by the end of this year.

*Councilman O'Neill* asked if the situation regarding what percentage goes to what municipality is being addressed by the committee.

*Ted Fink* responded that it is being addressed by the committee but he hasn't been involved in those discussions. He does not believe the committee has come up with a formula yet.

*Councilman O'Neill* would like the committee to come up with an equitable means of fairly dividing the funds.

*Ted Fink* went over that with Susan Ezrati and finding an equitable means to proportion the funds is a concern.

*Councilman Colgan* reported that it is part of the discussion at every meeting and a resolution to it is way off as to how to do that fairly. There have been elements of advice from a number of different people.

*Supervisor Crane* is disappointed to hear that it will take until the end of 2010. Typically when one is looking at a date, it goes six months out. She asked what we can do as a Board to move this forward. It seems we've been at this a long time. She was told it would take about a year working with the committee, we are into the second year and we are still struggling with it. She encouraged Ted Fink and the committee to bring something forward as soon as possible.

Everybody who has been looking at this law is looking for what it means to the taxpayers.

*Ted Fink* explained the committee did an incredible amount of work already. He thinks the parcel ranking is less work and a very small part.

*Councilwoman Strawinski* disagreed with Supervisor Crane and was pleased to hear that it would be ready by the end of the year. There are 14 different items the funds can be used for and Red Hook has most of those items. Some of this information will be useful for other boards and committees. She is looking forward to what he brings to the Board.

*Councilman Colgan* referred to ranking of each of the farms and each of the parcels in the area. It is about 90 percent done and his sense is that the other 10 percent will be more judgement rather than statistical rankings. The major elements left are the historic parcels and those elements of the law that can't quite be quantified with a number. It may require some Board decisions.

*Councilwoman Strawinski* asked how many parcels have been identified.

*Ted Fink* responded that there are at least 200 parcels.

*Councilman Colgan* thought there were at least 228.

**CENTERS AND GREENSPACE –MICHELE GREIG**

*Michele Greig* of Greenplan presented a draft generic document that the Board will review for completeness before it is made public. She reviewed the chapters of the document. The final scoping document has to be reviewed again in order for it to be deemed complete. She asked the Board to inform her if they find any errors or inconsistencies in the document while they review it. The last thing she will do is provide a red lined version of the local law. The addendum by Russell Urban Mead will be included with the aquifer study. After the Board deems the document complete it will be available for public review. It then goes to County Planning and the Planning Board for their required reviews after which the Town will set a Public Hearing. *Attorney Chale* said that once it is deemed complete, we will set the Public Hearing, put it up on the website and make it available to the public. She told the Board that they are determining that this addresses all the issues that were identified in the scoping document.

*Michele* said that in the next week or so she will have the red lined version to the Board.

*Ted Fink* reminded the Board that this is a draft document. There will be a final document and if anything is picked up after this review or in public comment period it will be corrected in the final document.

*Supervisor Crane* is concerned about the timing of a public hearing. She would not like it to be during a time when people are away for example in July or August. She would like to make sure a public hearing would occur when most people are in town and can turn their attention to it.

*Michele* stated that there will be more than one night of comments and there is also a mandatory written comment period. There is almost a never a good time.

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NYSERS REPORTING FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS**

*Supervisor Crane* reminded the Board that we are responding to New York State’s requirement for standard workday reporting on the part of elected officials. We need a sample resolution with an attached calendar if people are participating in the NY State Retirement Program. She knows of three who are participating and she named herself, Judge Jeffrey Martin and Councilman James Ross. They must have a diary of hours worked to submit with the resolution they will be passing. It can go to the State no later than the end of May. She will present the resolution at the May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and get it and the diary to the NY State Retirement System.

**RESOLUTION - SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY – SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010**

*Supervisor Crane* referred to a resolution that came to her through a group of United States citizens who have formed a group called the Silver Star Families of America. *Supervisor Crane* read the resolution naming the Red Hook resident and Silver Star recipient Bill Lewis, who was honored by way of this resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2010 #23**

RE: DECLARING MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> SILVER STAR BANNER DAY, THE PERMANENT AND OFFICIAL DAY TO HONOR THE WOUNDED AND ILL SOLDIERS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

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

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

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**RESOLUTION – KEY BANK DAY**

*Supervisor Crane* explained that Key Bank is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She read the declaration honoring Key Bank.

**RESOLUTION 2010 #24**

RE: DECLARING FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010 AS KEY BANK DAY IN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Micki Strawinski, moved to accept the resolution as read.

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

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**RESOLUTION – HONORING JAMES POPE, EAGLE SCOUT**

Supervisor Crane read the resolution honoring James Pope who has earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts.

**RESOLUTION 2010 #25**

RE: HONORING AND COMMENDING JAMES POPE FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF ACQUIRING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

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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**RESOLUTION – APPOINTMENT OF BRYAN CRANA FROM THE VILLAGE OF TIVOLI BOARD AS LIAISON TO THE RED HOOK RECREATON COMMISSION**

Supervisor Crane explained that she and Councilman Colgan have been in discussion with the Village of Tivoli regarding the recreation program. Susan Mead who has been the Director of the Tivoli recreation program is not coming back to the summer program. It was decided to try to incorporate the Tivoli and Red Hook recreation programs. She asked the Board to endorse that suggestion and vote to add Bryan Cranna as liaison to the R.H. Recreation Commission.

**RESOLUTION 2010 #26**

RE: APPOINTING VILLAGE OF TIVOLI TRUSTEE BRYAN CRANNA AS LIAISON TO THE RED HOOK RECREATION COMMISSION

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane, seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan, moved to accept the resolution.

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

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE DEDICATION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENTS FOR DEER RUN**

*Supervisor Crane* referred to the resolution regarding the dedication of drainage easements for Deer Run Road subject to conditions.

*Attorney Chale* passed out a copy of the resolution. She explained the easement situation on Deer Run Rd. For some reason easements on the east side of the road were not conveyed to the Town. The owner is in the process of selling their property and it came up in the title review. They asked the Town if they want to take the easements. Highway Superintendent Bucky Coon did a lot of research on what the original road configuration was and he determined that he wanted to take the easements because they were by culverts that are part of the road. He feels we should take the easements in order to provide for drainage for the road. She explained what she found in her research. She offered a resolution to determine that this is an unlisted action. She pointed out a short Environmental Assessment form attached. The easements are already complete so we are really just taking ownership of those pieces. She reviewed the steps she will take and said the resolution will be the only action necessary for the Board to take.

**RESOLUTION 2010 #27**

RE: OFFER OF DEDICATION OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR DEER RUN ROAD SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane, seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan, moved to approve the resolution.

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

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Attorney Chale asked Supervisor Crane to sign the EAF and give her a copy. She will move forward with the conveyance.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Budget Officer – Budget Officer Rose Rider reviewed and explained the Expenditures to Budget Report dated March 31, 2010.

Building Inspector – Building Inspector Steve Cole reported activity that occurred between March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>. He explained that his report did not reflect municipal searches. He also explained the daily log for the department's work which also includes the Village of Tivoli.

Dog Control Officer's Report – Councilwoman Strawinski presented the report generated by Dog Control Officer Cecil Moore. It described his patrol schedule and response report.

Highway Department – Highway Supervisor Bucky Coon reported that they finished sweeping and everything is going well. The office trailer is being worked on and the loader was fixed.

Police Report – Supervisor Crane presented a daily report from the Sheriff's Department reflecting activity for January and February 2010. There were 234 incidents addressed by the Sheriff's Department in those two months.

Purchasing – Councilman Colgan summarized Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy's report for the period of February 27 to April 27, 2010. 75 purchase orders were issued in the amount of \$81,220.47. Contract for St. Margaret's architect is under review. Specs for re-roofing the Town Hall are being reviewed prior to being released. Engineering RFP interviews are scheduled for May 4. A surplus list for unused highway equipment is for sale and a trailer for the highway department offices is being worked on. The report issued by NYSERDA that Red Hook will receive money for a solar panel installation is generating a fair amount of interest from companies who wish to bid on the project.

*Supervisor Crane* explained that Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy has been very busy and she thanked him for being willing to go outside the scope of purchasing. He is a terrific asset to the Town and we are very lucky to have him.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Planning Board – Planning Board Secretary Paula Schoonmaker reported that the Planning Board met on April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. They granted no approvals but did continue with the application and SEQRA review of one proposed subdivision and the proposed construction of three dormitories on Bard College campus. They also discussed possible changes to the conditionally approved Anderson Commons residential development.

ZBA – Councilman Ross reported that the next meeting is May 12 and they will hold a fourth public hearing on what they had preliminary discussions on at their last meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ag. & Open Space Committee – Councilman O'Neill reported that the committee met and collected the results of the survey. The results are being collated and they hope to have a report to the Board in May. They received 23 responses to the survey. There is a meeting set up with some of the people who returned the surveys. They are coordinating help for the Harrison family. The committee would like to be part of the website.

*Supervisor Crane* said to see Town Clerk Sue McCann who coordinates the website. She told Councilman O'Neill since there is a secretary taking minutes of their meetings we will be looking for them.

CAC - Chair Brenda Cagle reported that the committee received a resignation from CAC member Denise Barton. She listed her achievements and thanked Denise for her many contributions. The CAC took part at the Earth Day event at the fairgrounds. The habitat map of the north eastern corner of the Town was on display as well as habitat maps from other Towns. For the last three weeks volunteers have been surveying vernal pools. It will be finished in the next couple of weeks and the data will be submitted and verified by Dr. Klemens. They will present their findings to the Town Board. Michele Greig gave an update on the Centers & Greenspace Plan at their last meeting. Their concern was since Russel Urban Mead did a study on the aquifer prior to the proposed sewer project, they want to make sure the effects of these projects are considered with an additional study.

Disaster Preparedness Committee – Chair Tim Muldoon explained that he has been working with Supervisor Crane and Linda Stoddard on updating the plan. He believes that all the contact information is up to date. They are working on addressing channels of communication.

*Supervisor Crane* thanked him for his help updating the manual. She said that he and Linda Stoddard worked hard on it and she appreciates it. She asked Linda Stoddard to request contact

information from the two Villages to be included in our manual. We had a great addition by Dick Franklin for senior citizens. It has been distributed through the Senior Services Committee. Economic Development Committee – Chris Klose reported that they are working on getting two more committee members. They are talking about future economic development of Red Hook and are moving forward with the Task Force plan.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Chair Bill O’Neill referred to his April 26<sup>th</sup> report. They are reviewing the updates on the proposed sewer project and updates on the environmental impact studies for the Centers and Greenspace Plan. Some members appeared before the DC Legislature on April 12, 2010 when County Legislator Ben Traudt re-introduced the resolution to create the Village/Town of Red Hook Part-County Sewer District. It was passed unanimously that night. The County Executive signed the resolution on April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Ag. & Open Space Committee survey results will be compiled and a summary report will be made to the Town Board in May. They are still working on the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Study (DGEIS).

Recreation Commission – Chair Doug Strawinski thanked those who participated in the dedication ceremony for Gordie Mergendahl and Bob Bowman. He reported that the park is in full swing. Roller hockey will begin the second week of May. The summer program brochure will be reviewed at the May meeting and will be ready for sign-ups in June. The topsoil has been spread around at the new park.

St. Margaret’s Committee – Chair Paula Schoonmaker reported that they are meeting tomorrow afternoon and Dick Wambach will be there to talk about putting together a website. She thanked Susan Goodman Goldstein and the students from Ramapo who picked up litter and debris on the property. Four trees were removed and she understands that catalpa wood is good for carving so if anyone is interested call Town Hall. Town Historian J. Winthrop Aldrich is drafting language for an historic marker for St. Margaret’s property and he will pay for the marker.

Senior Services Committee – Councilwoman Strawinski read the report prepared by Chair Andrew Kehr. Topics included The Emergency Preparedness Information Packet, Medicare Informational Meeting, and Recreational/Leisure activities at the Red Hook Recreational Park. A Senior Walk will begin on May 5 and occur weekly on Wednesdays from 10 – 11 at the Recreation Park. There is a new toll free number for Dial-A-Ride (1-800-924-8702).

Trails Committee – Chair Howie Callies reported that plans are being completed for the Tour-De-Red Hook. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 1 to 3 p.m. He described the roads to be used on the bike trail. They plan on setting up a table on Apple Blossom Day. The next meeting is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Review Committee – Councilman O’Neill reported that Chair Susan Simon provided him with their report. Susan thanked the Board for completing the appointments. They are working on the parking regulations proposal prepared by Sam Phelan and others on the committee and hope to have that done by June. The current regulations on solar panels and wind turbines are being studied. They’ve received a request to look into a noise ordinance.

Supervisor Crane reminded residents that Apple Blossom Day, sponsored by the Rotary, is May 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Councilwoman Strawinski added that at 1:00 the library is kicking off the “Big Read”.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

*Supervisor Crane* referred to the following correspondence:

- NYSDOT announced the detour because of the road closing on Route 9G for bridge rehabilitation.
- Scenic Hudson sent a monitoring report for a number of parcels. She has the reports if the Board would like to see them.
- Two letters from State Assemblyman Molinaro. One congratulating the Town on our NYSERDA grant and the other saying that he is meeting at the Fishkill Senior Health Center and will be talking about the People’s Convention and whether or not there should be a convention “To Reform New York Act”
- Hudson Valley Greenway Board will hold a meeting on June 9 in Marlboro.
- The DC Sheriff’s Office invites anyone interested to a remembrance ceremony on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.
- A letter from Elizabeth Avis regarding a summer fine arts program in upper Red Hook.
- A notice from Brenda Parks, our Time Warner contact, informing the Board of the new news channel YNN, Cable channel 6. If we are planning a community event, go to their link: [hudsonvalley.ynn.com](http://hudsonvalley.ynn.com) and let them know.

*Councilwoman Strawinski* announced the public hearing on the school budget on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the High School. The school budget vote is May 18<sup>th</sup> at Mill Road Elementary School. *Supervisor Crane* announced that Red Hook School Superintendent Paul Finch and School District Business Manager Bruce Manager will discuss the school budget at our May 11<sup>th</sup> Town Board meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Supervisor Crane* asked to speak to the Board regarding contracts.

*Attorney Chale* explained the criteria for Executive Session.

*Supervisor Crane* explained this would be appropriate.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Rosemarie Zengen* asked for clarification of the police report.

*Supervisor Crane* explained the report.

*Chris Klose* commented that he is impressed and thankful for the volunteer work that goes into running this town

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill, seconded by Councilman Ross, moved to go to Executive Session at 10:21 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilman Colgan, moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:59 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross, moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire W. Horst, Deputy Town Clerk