

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 25, 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

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period of July 1 through July 31, 2010 was read as follows:

Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,478.44; amount remitted to County Treasurer for dog licenses - \$72.32; amount remitted to NY State Ag. & Markets - \$9.00; amount remitted to NYS Department of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$90.00; amount remitted to NYS DEC for dog licenses - \$265.49; total State, County & Local revenues - \$1,915.25.

Town Clerk Sue McCann also presented the Settlement of Taxes, from the levy of 2009 which was collected in 2010. The Town Clerk's Office collected \$5,979,777.18. The amount paid to the Supervisor was \$2,194,160.43. An additional penalty amount of \$16,034.45 was also paid to the Town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- We are going out to bid for a contract for installation of a sidewalk on Linden Avenue between Park Avenue and the Recreation Park. Because of an addendum added to that bid package, we are moving the bid receipt date to September 9th. Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on September 9th at which time they will be opened. The engineer will review the bids and at the following Town Board meeting we will consider the recommendation of the engineer.
- The Northern Dutchess Alliance will present "Water & Wastewater; Maintaining Quality Supply". It is a free forum open to the public and will take place on September 15 at 4:00 p.m. at the Omega Institute in Rhinebeck.
- DC Legislator Ben Traudt and Supervisor Crane discussed a proposal going before the Legislature regarding the Board of Election specifically, election charges back to Towns. She explained that some years ago the Board of Elections and the County itself took over the voting machines and moved them out of the townships and stored them, putting the DC Board of Elections in complete control over the machines involved in the elections. Since that time there has been discussion about new machines being required. There are charges associated with the election process and the DC Legislature has studied the issue of fairly charging the Towns throughout Dutchess County for those machines that come to us every election. Since their discussion the Legislature voted. She invited DC Legislator Ben Traudt to speak with the Board about that policy and proposal.
- The Town got three cheers from the editorial board of Poughkeepsie Journal for voting to become the pilot community for the 10% Challenge and acknowledged Laurie Husted, CAC member for her work.

Dutchess County Legislator Ben Traudt described the election charge plan and how the Legislature came about it. The election chargeback plan was adopted in December 2009 for the fiscal year 2010. In January they had to devise a plan to collect money that was budgeted in the 2010 budget. The Board of Election Oversight Committee was charged with the task of finding fair and equitable ways to charge the Towns for the cost of their elections. He explained that the chargeback plan has nothing to do with the new voting machines. They are asking the Town for the real costs incurred for running their elections. Towns generally shared in the costs of elections up until 2005. Between 2005 and this point the Legislature was never able to come up with an agreement to devise a plan. It will fill the revenue line adopted in the budget that they had to work with and it takes a look at what is fair to ask each Town to pay. \$531,000.00 is what they felt was a fair share. Red Hook's share for 2010 comes to about \$19,998. It will be revisited for the year 2011. Part of the justification was that in January they repealed the sales

tax exemption on clothing and shoes under \$110. He will be happy to come back in November or December to talk about the outlook for 2011.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG 2011 – NEW RECREATION PARK PAVILION – PHASE I

Supervisor Crane asked Town Clerk Sue McCann to read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. and referred to the plans on display.

They were developed for the Board's consideration by Crawford and Associates Engineering firm. They believe that Phase I of the development of the pavilion can be achieved for the amount of money we are allowed to apply for which is \$100,000 maximum. It may come in for a little under that. The entire building (bathrooms and snack bar) would not be covered by \$100,000. Recreation Commission Chair Doug Strawinski attended some of those meetings and she asked him to talk about his impression for the need for this, the Phase I of the development and how he and the Rec. Commission feel about it.

Recreation Commission Chair Doug Strawinski explained that at the presentation of the Master Plan for the Recreation Park extension he assured everyone that they would build the park over a period of time. They understand the burden of taxes so the plan is to build in phases and to try to get grant money for it. This is the perfect opportunity. When they thought about what they wanted to do the pavilion was what they were most interested in. He referred to the concept on display and explained the idea. The attempt is to build the outside structure and roof to start with so that it could be used. They'd eventually like to add two bathrooms, a storage area and a snack bar. He stressed the intent to do this in phases so it wouldn't add a tax burden at this point. Doug asked if anyone had any questions.

Linda Keeling asked about the position of the pavilion.

Doug explained that the pavilion faces the street. They would like to make it so that as you drive into the park you would see the whole park. They've talked with the State Police to get their input and they've helped design the building in such a way that it is very safe and visible.

Linda asked about handicapped accessibility from the proposed parking to the restrooms.

Doug explained where the parking would be in relation to the pavilion. The handicapped parking access would be immediate to the pavilion.

Rosemarie Zengen thanked him for the work done on the recreation park and asked what the pavilion is primarily going to be used for.

Doug explained what they do with the pavilion at the present recreation park. It will be very versatile. We are adding because the demand is so high. There is no charge to use the pavilion.

Marcy Appell asked if the pavilion is going to be as large as the present one.

Doug told her that the building footprint is 50 x 100 which includes the restrooms and snack bar.

As far as the pavilion space it will be a little larger than the present one. It will be 50 x 60.

Marcy Appell asked if he knew where he will apply for grants.

Doug told her that the Community Development Block Grant is what they are going for right now. It fits.

Supervisor Crane explained that it is a priority. We aren't sure of getting the money, we didn't receive it last year but we are hoping the park is along more in its development to build a pavilion. Recreation programs and infrastructure are priorities for the Community Development Block Grant for the next three years.

Dick Hansen asked if there are regulations as far as barbecues, grills, alcoholic beverages, etc.

At the present pavilion there is a barbecue pit. There is an ordinance that alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

Supervisor Crane asked Doug to talk about the number of people using the recreation park.

Doug told her the Town serves about 750 children during the summer through various programs.

Supervisor Crane referred to the Master Plan and the planned uses for the fields. She guesses there are close to 1,000 children in the soccer program. This is a dream that has been materializing over time.

Doug explained the planned use of the utility fields.

Linda Keeling asked if programs will be expanded into the winter.

Doug told her that we do have winter programs now using the school facilities.

Rosemarie Zengen asked what the plans are if they don't receive the funding.

Doug answered that they will continue looking for funding

Rosemarie suggested holding fundraisers.

Doug told Rosemarie that they received a check from the class of 2010 for \$500. He told of people who have helped so far. They understand it will take time but they are getting positive feedback and will continue to work at it.

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any other proposals for the Community Development Block Grant application this year.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the Public Hearing.

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

Supervisor Crane thanked Rec. Commission Chair Doug Strawinski for his presentation and for his work behind the scenes. Crawford and Associates are aware that we are up against some deadlines in this regard. There are specific guidelines for the application which they will help with.

Attorney Chale will prepare a resolution for the next Town Board meeting on September 15. Supervisor Crane explained the next Town Board meeting will be changed from September 14th to September 15th because there is a primary on September 14th.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to change the Town Board meeting from September 14th to September 15th due to the primary being held on the 14th.

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

DUTCHESS COUNTY LEGISLATOR BEN TRAUDT – DC ELECTION CHARGES

Supervisor Crane asked Dutchess County Legislator Ben Traudt if he had any other comments about the County policy.

DC Legislator Ben Traudt said he gave the overview of the policy. If anyone needs a copy he will provide it. He said they adopted a methodology and it was based on revenue passed by the last Legislature. This process starts anew in November. It could be the same amount, could be more or it could be less. He is willing to speak with everyone in November and December. The tentative budget is due November 1st. He explained the budget process and said the timeline is November 1st to December 22nd.

Councilwoman Strawinski asked what our time line is.

Councilman Colgan said ours is long before theirs is and we're between a rock and a hard place.

Legislator Traudt explained why the County process is longer.

The Board discussed the budget process with Legislator Traudt.

Councilman Colgan said the Town had no idea they'd be charged for this and he doesn't understand the logic.

Legislator Traudt understands the concern and explained the process.

Councilman Colgan feels if the County paid the cost of elections we wouldn't be in this situation.

Councilman Ross commented not only that, this election can cost a lot more than in the past because of the new voting machines. When we do the 2011 budget how do we budget if the County can create a substantial increase?

Councilman Colgan said this doesn't save anybody money doing it this way and it doesn't cost any more either, it is a matter of upfront budgeting and the way Legislator Traudt is describing it the process is broken big time.

Supervisor Crane explained they've gone into this with our Business Manager. These funds cannot be interchanged and the problem that we haven't even talked about tonight, and she told Legislator Traudt that he must bring this back to the County Legislature, is that the amount of money comes to one fund but the charge goes to another fund. We cannot take revenue that goes into the B Fund and move it to pay for charges to the A Fund. It is a policy that is flawed from the outset in terms of budgeting processes that the Towns are obligated to follow. We aren't budgeted for it, we aren't prepared to deal with it, it is an unfunded mandate, but worse, we are constrained to use our budgeting process in a very strict way. This formula doesn't solve the Town's budgeting problem because we are talking about funds that cannot be intermingled.

Councilman Ross explained that the sales tax comes in to the B Fund and the elections are an A Fund expense.

Supervisor Crane agreed and said that is what the County has not addressed in this formula and they must understand it's not helped one bit to offer us this revenue solution for this year.

Legislator Traudt responded that as far as the funding for election cost sharing policy between the County and the Town, this is not new and does not coincide with the new machines. Towns and the County shared the cost of elections up until 2005 and it's really been just the past four budgets where the Legislature has not been able to get this done. It worked effectively in the

past. As far as Councilman Ross' concern about the costs, he assured him that what the Legislature asked for is a fixed cost based on particular circumstances.

Councilman Ross said none of us know what the new machines will cost us. We know what the other expenses are.

Legislature Traudt answered the whole formula is based on using the new machines. The only thing that is a wild card would be the cost of the paper ballot but that should be covered by Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The costs the Towns are being asked for and what they should have been paying would be the same.

Councilman Ross told Legislator Traudt that the problem is that the County chose to confiscate our voting machines and assume the expense. Then a couple of years later they decided they weren't going to assume it and bill us. At that point we had an exact handle on what it was going to cost us every year and we controlled it. Our predicament here is now we are at the County's mercy and have to come up with a budget. That's why we are asking for an approximation at our budget time which is next month.

Legislator Traudt said that when the Executive budget is released on November 1st, at that time we'll see what he's asking for.

Councilman Ross told Legislator Traudt that we would at least like an approximation from him next month. That's when Supervisor Crane has to have her budget to the Town Clerk.

Supervisor Crane explained that the budget has to be to the Town Clerk by September 30. Then the Board works on it through the month of October. We need some indication through early October as to where we are going with this.

Legislator Traudt wanted everyone to understand that the first part of the budget comes from the DC Executive. He can't coerce the County Executive to tell him what is in his budget but he can try to come up with an estimate. He believes the cost of the formula for this year will be the same as next year. He can give the Town a rough estimate.

Councilman Colgan would love Legislator Traudt to bring a message to the County that it is a County program and the County should fund it from top to bottom.

Legislator Traudt understands his concern. He disagrees because the Towns did share the cost previously. He will take what Councilman Colgan said into consideration.

Councilwoman Strawinski suggested citizens go to County Legislature meetings.

Legislator Traudt agreed and said that everyone is welcome.

Supervisor Crane thanked Legislator Ben Traudt for coming to the Town Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane introduced Mr. Mark Burton who asked to speak with the Board.

Mark Burton introduced himself and told the Board that he is interested in purchasing Sky Park Airport. He handed out copies of a one page outline of his idea for the property along with pictures and explained his plans for the airport. Mr. Burton asked for the Boards help in putting this together before he goes to the Planning Board to see if he can accomplish his plans.

Councilman O'Neill informed the Board that Mr. Burton came to the Intermunicipal Task Force and presented his plans. The Task Force considered his request about why that parcel of 100 acres of land is in the controlled Agricultural Business District under the Centers and Greenspace Plan. The Task Force considered the criterion that was applied of placement of it in the Ag. Business District and discussed Mr. Burton's proposed use for the land. There wasn't any resolution but there was a consensus among the Task Force not to change the proposed Ag. Business District based upon Mr. Burton's inquiry. That parcel was included in the Ag. Business District for specific reasons and it was decided that it stay that way.

Mr. Burton asked about final determination and said he was hoping to meet with the Task Force consultant to see why or why not and can we make a change.

Councilman O'Neill explained that once the Task Force concluded they won't change including that parcel in the Ag. Business District, then it would be up to Mr. Burton to go to the Planning Board and make an application for whatever use he wants to make for that land. The Task Force is not the agency to tell Mr. Burton if he can do what he plans or not. He'd have to follow the process through the Planning Board like anyone who wants to do something with their parcel.

Mr. Burton asked then if the Planning Board goes along with his idea if he goes back to the Intermunicipal Task Force with the Ag. Business Development end of it? He said it is 100 acres, do we all agree that it is still an airport? The Building Inspector said it is still an airport.

Councilman Ross told Mr. Burton if the Building Inspector says it is still an airport than that is exactly what it is right now. No zoning changes have taken place yet. What the Intermunicipal Task Force was discussing with Mr. Burton was the proposed zoning changes that have yet to come for a Public Hearing and be voted on. What he suggested was to go before the Planning

Board with a rough sketch and he may well have to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals depending on what he wants to do.

Mr. Burton is trying to keep this an open door policy with the Town. He would like consideration and guidance as to what steps to take before going to the Planning Board.

Councilman Colgan said the timing is such that they are right at the point of making some final decisions about zoning. Mr. Burton's first place of contact in terms of presenting his plan is through the Planning Board. They are aware of what the Town Board is doing.

Supervisor Crane told Mr. Burton that as Councilman Ross pointed out we have not gone to Public Hearing about the proposed zoning amendments so he did the right thing to come to the Board and discussed it openly. Since this meeting is on Public Access television people will see it and be able to weigh in. Ultimately, any developer with any substantial development has to end up at the Planning Board where they make an investment in their project.

Mr. Burton wanted to meet to find out how the process works and he thanked the Board.

LEAD AGENCY NOTICE FROM THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK

Supervisor Crane told the Board that she received Lead Agency notice from the Village of Red Hook asking the Town to allow them lead agency status for a coordinated SEQRA environmental review of the proposed Type I action. They prepared a site plan, are doing a SEQRA review and wish to serve as lead agency.

RESOLUTION 2010 #47

RE: TO AGREE TO ENDORSE THE VILLAGE OF RED HOOK'S LEAD AGENCY STATUS IN THEIR SITE PLAN PROJECT

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to consent to have Supervisor Crane sign endorsing the Village of Red Hook as lead agency for their proposed zoning realignment application.

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

The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Supervisor Crane read the notice and explained that the purpose of the action is to locate district lines along existing property lines and the center lines of roadways throughout the Village of Red Hook. Upon taking the action SEQRA is required and we are an involved agency.

Councilman Colgan asked why we are an involved agency.

Supervisor Crane read the list of involved agencies and said they are obligated to notify us.

Councilman Colgan understands needing to notify the Town but doesn't understand why they need us to authorize them as lead agency. He doesn't think they need our authorization.

Councilman Ross can't see why we would think about objecting.

Councilwoman Strawinski doesn't think there is any harm in signing.

Supervisor Crane said she needs a resolution either giving consent, do not consent, or we take no position.

Councilman O'Neill asked who sent this.

Supervisor Crane responded that it came from the Village Clerk.

Councilman Ross told the Board that when we do something like that we have to send the information to the Villages, the Town of Rhinebeck, the Town of Milan and everywhere else because they are our neighbors and they have an interest. That is what the Village is doing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD –CONTINUED

Rosemarie Zengen commented that Dunkin Donuts looks great. She spoke with the owner who stated that working with Building Inspector Steve Cole was a major catalyst in deciding to put in additional landscaping and parking and that Steve Cole was a tremendous help and always very professional. Rosemarie thinks Steve Cole should be commended. Linda Keeling an ADA advocate was impressed by the accessibility. She also thinks Christine Kane and the Planning Board should be commended for their guidance on the project.

Linda Keeling thanked the Town Board representatives, the Planning Board and Building Inspector Steve Cole for ensuring handicapped accessibility and feels it will help our local businesses.

FIRST CLASS MAIL NOTIFICATION TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PROPOSED ZONING AMENDMENTS

Supervisor Crane referred to a First Class mail notification to property owners of our proposed zoning amendment. We passed the period of time where there would be any objection and the Local Law has been filed so the next step is preparation of a notice and mailing to affected owners. She asked if we know the number of landowners.

Town Clerk Sue McCann told her that there are 4,337 parcels.

Councilman Colgan said there are some people who own more than one parcel and asked if those numbers included the Villages.

Town Clerk Sue McCann said there are some that we would have to pull and consolidate them and it includes everyone including non-profits, exempt and the Villages.

Councilman Colgan asked if the Village residents should be included.

Attorney Chale said the residents of the Villages are not subject to the zoning amendments but you might want to include them. She explained situations that should be considered.

Councilman Colgan said that Michele Greig is still working on completing the response to the DGEIS and they've yet to get a response on the zoning from the Planning Board which may lead to some minor changes. If they do, that would have to be done before moving forward.

Attorney Chale said you can call a Public Hearing but if you are in the process of considering changes to the local law you can certainly incorporate those changes and do it again.

Councilman Colgan would rather do this at the next meeting and he asked Town Clerk Sue McCann how long it would take.

Town Clerk Sue McCann worked on it and explained that from the point that she received notice she needs approximately two weeks to order and get the envelopes, and then they'd have to have our return address printed on it which would take one to two days. Real Property needs a week to print the labels and she spoke to Copy Cat Printers who said he can print them and fold them in thirds. It would probably take a couple of days to stuff and stamp the envelopes.

Councilman Colgan thinks that sounds like about three weeks.

Town Clerk Sue McCann agreed.

Councilwoman Strawinski thinks it would be in the Board's best interest to wait until the next meeting.

Supervisor Crane will table this until the September 15th meeting.

HIGHWAY MATERIALS LIST

Supervisor Crane referred to a request for bid to go out for materials for 2011 from Interim Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke. It involves authorization to purchase materials.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan authorized the Highway Superintendent to go out to bid for highway materials for 2011.

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

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID – ADDENDUM #1 (NEW SIDEWALKS)

Supervisor Crane read the notice of advertisement for bids for new sidewalks. Bids will be received by the Town Clerk until 3:00 p.m. on September 9, 2010 for the purpose of new sidewalks on Linden Avenue in the Town and Village of Red Hook. Bids may be reviewed and picked up at D.F. Wheeler Engineers, Red Hook Village Hall and at Red Hook Town Hall. They will become available August 23, 2010 and a \$50.00 deposit is required.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assessor – Supervisor Crane reported that the State of NY Office of Real Property Tax Services certified that on August 4th the final State equalization rate of 100% was established for the Town of Red Hook.

Budget Officer's Report – Budget Officer Rose Rider reported that the budget worksheets went out and is due back this week.

Building Inspector – Supervisor Crane summarized the report prepared by Building Inspector Steve Cole for the period of July 29 to August 25, 2010. The report included a Village of Tivoli safety inspection, permit fee report, complaint report, certificate report and inspection report. She said that Building Inspector Steve Cole has handled some of the complaints with great professionalism and she thanked him for that.

Councilwoman Strawinski said she had a conversation with Steve Cole regarding outdoor wood burning boilers and some changes coming from the DEC. She is trying to find out how many are legally permitted and believes even those will be subject to the new changes to be put in place. She has a problem with them and thinks they are a health hazard. It will be discussed further with the CAC.

Dog Control – Supervisor Crane reported that the Dog Control Officer found the owner of a lost dog and had it licensed before it was returned.

Grant Application – Supervisor Crane told the Board that we received notification from NYSERDA that the contract has been prepared and forwarded to us for the Red Hook Firehouse solar panels. It involves us because the Town is the acting agency through which the funding will flow. She explained the complexities of the contract.

Highway Report – Interim Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke reported that the department completed two major projects in August. They paved the northern half of Guski Road and did extensive drainage work and culvert pipe installation of the south half in order to alleviate flooding and winter icing. The projects were financed by CHIPS funding. The southern half of Guski Road will be paved after the culvert work has settled. Work on Pitcher Lane at the intersection of Route 9 has been completed to increase sight distance for stop signs. In her report Highway Superintendent Burke included shared services with the Village of Red Hook for the month of August.

Police Report – Supervisor Crane referred to the Police Report in the Board's packet. It includes the calls for the Red Hook Police Department for the month of July. Total incidents for the reporting period were 32, there were no arrests and total tickets issued were 19.

Purchasing – There was no report but Supervisor Crane publicly thanked Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy for all the work he did helping to achieve the new roof.

Recycling Center – Councilwoman Strawinski said that she'd like to meet with Interim Highway Superintendent Burke about repairing potholes at the recycling center. There was a complaint from a resident about them.

Supervisor Crane referred to a letter she received from Bill Szigethny from the Recycling Center. There was an incident at the Recycling Center on August 7th when an elderly person became ill. The staff recognized that she needed medical attention and called 911. There was some delay because the respondents could not find the center. The woman refused to go to the hospital, Bill checked on her today and she is fine. What concerns the employees at the Recycling Center is that they do not have an AED. Many people go through that center. There might be a request for an AED for the Recycling Center and Supervisor Crane wanted the Board to know that this is the background for that request.

Water Department – Councilman Ross gave the report prepared by Water Department Chair Hank VanParys for the month of July. Everything has been running fine. They are in the process of replacing old water meters that they feel weren't operating properly. Bard College switched over to our water on July 20, 2010 while they do repairs on their system and will be on until October 2010. The tank has been inspected and is in good condition. It was recommended that the bottom be cleaned so Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy will look into getting an estimate from several companies.

Supervisor Crane told the Board that Water Department Chair Hank VanParys asked that the Board consider grading Twin Tower Rd. because of erosion. If the Highway Department would do the work the Water Department is prepared to pay for their time and materials.

BOARD REPORTS

Planning Board – Supervisor Crane received a letter from Central Hudson regarding the Planning Department. It was a request that the Planning Board refer applicants who are seeking approval for either a subdivision, site plan, building permit or other development on properties which may be subject to utility easements to Central Hudson's Special Services Division to identify these transmission utility easements, provide information and answer questions. She will forward it to the Planning Board. Central Hudson also accompanied that with a letter of reminder that all decorative temporary attachments to utility poles require Central Hudson's prior written approval. A request for such use can be sent to www.centralhudson.com.

Councilman Ross asked Supervisor Crane if Central Hudson ever notified our Building Department about any parcels that may have utility easements.

Supervisor Crane said we have a fair amount of information but doesn't know if we have it all.

Councilman Ross said that Central Hudson should update our Building Department.

Supervisor Crane will ask Building Inspector Steve Cole to contact Central Hudson to get that update.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilman Ross reported that there were five variances granted and one that was granted with condition. That is the status as of August 11, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ag. & Open Space Committee – Councilman O'Neill reported that the committee prepared a summary of recommendations to the Centers & Greenspace Plan and are preparing a final summary to give to Greenplan as part of their comments on the proposed zoning changes especially in the Ag. Business District. They want the Board to consider changing the law concerning agricultural fencing. There are a number of comments that were made on the Ag. Business District which will be presented for referral and there are questions about valuation of development units that are transferred from an agricultural area to the more dense Village area.

CAC - Councilwoman Strawinski reported that prior to their last meeting a representative from Hudsonia came in to go over the report they filed on the habitat mapping. They worked on the conservation easement request and discussed some of the 10-10-10 events. Doug Strawinski, Harry Colgan, John Kuhn and Ed Blundell went out with the AmeriCorps group who are working on weatherization of properties.

Economic Development Committee – EDC member Beth Jones presented their report dated August 25, 2010. They reviewed current and future projects of the EDC. It is their goal to establish a 3 – 5 year project plan which the EDC can carry forward. The topic of NY State Enterprise Zones will be researched to learn more about where they are located and the effectiveness of these zones on economic development. Contacts for various groups and stakeholders in the community will be researched. Town and Village government officials, land use, and conservation contacts have all been completed. The lists will be completed by the end of August. A request was made that MaryAnn Johnson attend an EDC meeting to discuss the “Blueprint for Economic Development” created by Northern Dutchess Alliance.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Councilman O'Neill reported that they reviewed the issue of road specifications for the Town of Red Hook to be proposed in connection with the Centers and Greenspaces Plan (CGP), and continued to discuss adjustments to be proposed to the CGP based on comments from the public received to date and from the Planning Board. Rich Biezynski of North Wind Farm met with them about the impact of the proposed zoning on the Ag. Business District on farmers. They met with Pete Hubbell who volunteered his time to consider the value to be placed on a development unit transferred under the incentive zoning component of the CGP. They'll try to meet with the Town Assessor for the same purpose. The meeting in Albany regarding the joint sewer project was successful and they are waiting for a response from the USDA on its application for funding for 2011. A special project meeting for an overall update is planned for the Village Hall in Red Hook on September 3, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Supervisor Crane asked that the committee add attendance on their report.

Recreation Commission – Recreation Chair Doug Strawinski thanked the Class of 2010 for their \$500 donation. The sign at the south entrance of the park has been rebuilt and he thanked the pool for their donation toward its reconstruction. Flag football will start September 11th and run until the second week in November. Fall baseball will run the same time. Recreation Director John Kuhn is working on Youth Bureau reports which will be completed on Friday. Tee ball was very successful this year.

Supervisor Crane referred to a letter she received from June Ellen Notaro of the Dutchess County Youth Bureau who visited the recreation program on July 13th and commends the program highly. After review and monitoring the program received a rating of “in compliance” and everything was satisfactory, it was a perfect score. Rec. Director John Kuhn was very pleased. She asked Doug to tell the commission that we appreciate all that goes into the programs.

Roads and Traffic Safety Committee – Supervisor Crane referred to a conversation she and Interim Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke had with Charlie Traver, the Commissioner of Dutchess County DPW. She asked Theresa to summarize the letter they got back from them. Interim Highway Superintendent Burke said that his last response was an acknowledgement of a problem and that he was going to turn the project over to their engineer. They are going to evaluate the situation at the intersection of Whaleback Road and Linden Avenue. It is a County stop sign so they are going to look into it and should be getting back to us shortly.

St. Margaret's Committee – Rosemarie Zengen, St. Margaret's Committee member, said her report will be part of the Tree Committee. The renovations at St. Margaret's are moving along. Nancy Guski did extensive research on the type of tree to plant. Dennis Griffin did a beautiful sketch of St. Margaret's which will be on their brochures. Town Historian Winty Aldrich contributed signs that will be displayed.

Senior Services Committee - Supervisor Crane informed the Board that her office has received confirmation from various banks in support the Senior Picnic at the Tivoli Rec. Park. The total amount will be at least \$500. She proposed that the Guide for Personal and Family Disaster Preparedness done by member Richard Franklin is handed out at the Senior Picnic.

Trails Committee – Councilwoman Strawinski reported they met and spoke about helping Scenic Hudson on September 25th. They'll also have a table at Hardscrabble that same day. She announced that Bard College lost a student who was hiking in the Catskills and offered condolences to his family. Trails are marked for a reason so it is important to stay on them.

Tree Committee – Rosemarie Zengen reported that under Chair Nancy Guski's guidance they have been working on fundraising, a commemorative tree program and Hardscrabble Day. The Tree Commission will have a booth at Hardscrabble Day and the committee will be planting the "Hannaford Tree" on September 25th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's. The Linden tree has been donated by the Save Our Town Committee and is to thank Hannaford for giving the Town the national landmark. The formal dedication ceremony is at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane shared the following correspondence:

- An e-mail from Susan Ezrati, Chair of the Community Preservation Fund and our Planner Ted Fink. She would like to get them in to talk about the CPF because we are in need of that program. There is a fair amount of money set aside to use and we need a finalized plan to use it.
 - PACE University is sponsoring the Land Use Leadership Alliance. She has the application if anyone is interested in attending.
 - Sustainable Hudson Valley letter from Melissa Everet about our Red Hook Challenge
 - The letter to Charlie Traver, Dutchess County DPW, about the Linden Avenue intersection and his confirmation that they will look into it with their engineer
 - Governor Patterson signed two bills impacting government finance into law. It is the Local Finance Reform Law which she shared with the Board.
- Attorney Chale pointed out an interesting point regarding bonding in smaller municipalities.
- The Supervisors and Mayor's Association will meet at Copperfield's on September 7, 2010. Supervisor Crane will try to attend because we need to be represented.
 - A request for location in our Town for relief of jail overcrowding. Supervisor Crane responded that she knew of none in the community.
 - Geoff Carter resigned from the Community Preservation Fund Committee.
 - Hudson River Heritage will host a County Seat tour on October 16, 2010. They are asking for information from Red Hook.
 - A zoning referral was received from Dutchess County Planning regarding the zoning proposals
 - A request from Victor Behoriam to Linda Stoddard, Supervisor's Secretary, for her nephews address in Afghanistan. Linda offered his address and if anyone wishes to send him communication, contact Supervisor Crane.
 - The Omega Institute will hold an Open House on September 8th at 1:00 pm. It is presented by the DC Planning Federation.
 - Milan Community Day will be on September 18th, 2010 from 11 – 5 pm at the Milan Rec. Park.

Mark Burton referred to a conversation Councilman Colgan had with Town Clerk Sue McCann regarding the first class mailing of proposed zoning and asked if that had anything to do with the parcel he is looking at.

Councilman Colgan told him that it is all part of passing the zoning and moving the zoning forward. There are a number of procedures to go through, the next being a Public Hearing. Mr. Burton asked if that has to do with the Agricultural Business District. Councilman Colgan responded yes. The zoning package is all inclusive.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk