

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 22, 2011

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 Victoria Polidoro
Michele Greig, Greenplan

Supervisor Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Before the public hearing she made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to the Town employees whose children are graduating from Red Hook Central High School this year.
- There is money available for senior citizens 62 years and older to fix their homes if their household annual income qualifies. For more information contact Dutchess County Department of Planning 486-3600 or Supervisor Crane 758-4622. The focus of the program is to repair major systems.

RESOLUTION HONORING EAGLE SCOUT DAVID HATHCOCK

Supervisor Crane read the resolution honoring David Hathcock for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

RESOLUTION 2011 #61

RE: HONORING DAVID HATHCOCK FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Micki Strawinski moved to approve the resolution.

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

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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments on issues other than the public hearing topic. *Rosemarie Zengen* said she received several calls about being unable to hear the volume on PANDA when watching the Town Board meeting. It's frustrating for those who are unable to attend the meetings and want to watch them when they are aired on PANDA. She suggested asking the attorney to speak up.

Supervisor Crane said that is good advice to everyone who speaks and using the microphone would be helpful.

Supervisor Crane asked if there are any other comments and noted that Court Reporter Donna Wells arrived. She asked if the Town Board had announcements before the start of the public hearing. She announced that she attended a Central Hudson breakfast in Poughkeepsie and they expressed concern that the pilot program to save energy for the Red Hook area has not seen the sign ups they hoped for. Contact Central Hudson if you are interested in participating in the program. They are looking for 200 homes.

PUBLIC HEARING - 7:45 PM

Supervisor Crane explained the rules of a public hearing. The public hearing is being recorded by a court reporter and will go into the official record. She read the rules of the proceedings. Before opening the public hearing she asked Michele Greig of Greenplan if she had any information to share.

Michele Greig introduced herself and explained that the Town Board will be holding two combined public hearings on Local Law C and Local D of 2011 which consists of amendments to the zoning law and the subdivision regulations and to adopt a revised zoning district map of

the Centers and Greenspace plan. The proposed action has been analyzed in a draft environmental impact statement that was deemed to be complete by the Town Board on May 11, 2010. It was also subject to a final environmental impact statement which was deemed to be complete by the Town Board on February 23, 2011. These documents provide an extensive analysis of the potential environmental impact of both the proposed action and the existing zoning and a number of alternatives to the proposed action. Some revisions have been made and she presented an outline of those revisions. She explained the two biggest changes. One had to do with a limited development option and one is to add a conventional 40 acre minimum lot size option for parcels that are 100 acres or greater in size. She summarized the DGIS.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to open the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

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

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice.

Court Stenographer Donna Wells took the minutes of the public hearing. Transcript of the public hearing will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to close the public hearing and accept written comments until July 8th.

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

TOWN BOARD MEETING CONTINUED

The Town Board meeting resumed at 10:00 p.m.

TOWN HIGHWAY GARAGE REPORT – ENGINEER DAN PROPER – CRAWFORD & ASSOCIATES

Supervisor Crane introduced Dan Proper from Crawford & Associates and explained that he has been our construction engineer on the highway garage specifications and has been meeting with the construction committee for some time. He compiled specifications and is here to explain what is going on with the highway garage.

Councilman O'Neill pointed out that we passed the period for any kind of referendum.

Supervisor Crane stated that no petitions have been filed.

Attorney Victoria Polidoro said they can prepare the affidavit for that.

Dan Proper started out by saying the construction documents are finalized. The goal now is to get permission to move forward with the bidding of the project based on the construction documents prepared for it. He gave a brief description of the design of the building. The goal is to go out for bids on July 1, have them due August 1, and have a determination to the Board for the August 9th meeting. By August 9th they would have recommendations on the four prime contractors for the project as well as their set costs. He explained how they would fall in line with the budget.

Councilman Ross asked about the pitch of the roof.

Dan explained that the cost difference is more per inch of rise per square foot. It is a cost consideration and said that it was discussed with the Building Committee.

Councilman Colgan explained that the committee talked about the financial cost. We are complementary with our neighbor as far as the roof pitch. The compromise is the pitch or the money. That's what it boils down to.

Supervisor Crane feels that they did their best to come in during a very tight budget situation.

Councilman Ross thinks that the extra \$90,000 for the pitch is worth it.

Supervisor Crane does not want to redesign this building. If Dan says a different pitch would take into account a whole other host of elements in the bidding process then she thinks we should move forward with what we have.

Dan explained that it would make the bidding process difficult in terms of the additional alternates you would have to incorporate into the process. It would affect the roof and foundation size. He said from an economic standpoint pre-engineered buildings are designed to be optimum. That is why people use them, they are the most cost efficient possible. It does meet the demands for what the Town needs for a highway garage. They will incorporate aesthetics.

Supervisor Crane asked that the Board accept the drawings they received as well as the bid package with a few minor additions and authorize the solicitation of public bids. It looks like the project can be complete by July of next year.

Councilwoman Strawinski pointed out a question brought up by resident Linda Keeling about an elevator being added to the highway garage project.

Dan responded that there is no elevator in the garage and explained that there are locker rooms on the upper floor but the building is ADA compliant as long as the thresholds are being followed. All the bathrooms, office space, conference room are ADA compliant and there is sufficient room in the conference room for a locker to be stored if needed. That is why there is not an elevator in the building.

Supervisor Crane read the resolution authorizing the solicitation of public bids for the construction of the new highway garage.

RESOLUTION 2011 #62

RE: AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HIGHWAY GARAGE

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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Supervisor Crane thanked Dan Proper.

MASS GATHERING PERMIT FEE

Supervisor Crane said there are two pieces to this. One from Building Inspector Bob Fennell and Code Enforcement Officer Steve Cole is a proposal for fees for large assemblies or mass gatherings. This is a piece the Board never quite wrapped up when they passed the mass gathering law. They looked at events that took place locally and then set a fee for mass gatherings. The fees proposed are \$500.00 for gatherings of 500 to 1000 persons, and \$25.00 for each additional 100 persons. Those fees include necessary building permits, fire inspections and safety inspections by the Town of Red Hook Building Department. If a public hearing is held, the publishing fees and mailing fees will be an extra charge to the applicant. In addition, third party electrical inspections fees are not included and will be an extra charge to the applicant. She asked the Board if they wanted to discuss the issue. The understanding with the mass gathering law is that whoever is making the application will have to meet the guidelines of the law and that calls for them to provide for fire and safety so we are assured the public is protected. This is a means by which we can control by some extent the size and the intent of the gathering.

Councilman Ross feels that seems like a reasonable fee schedule considering with the Building Department will have to do.

Councilman Colgan said there are a lot of safety issues they have to be careful of.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved that the fees for a large public assembly or mass gathering of 500 or more for each day of an event will be: \$500 for gatherings of 500 to 1000 persons, and \$25 for each additional 100 persons.

Councilman Ross asked, for discussion, if the fee is for 500 persons or more or per day.

Supervisor Crane responded a \$500 fee per day for 500 to 1,000 persons.

Councilman Ross said then for a two day event it would be \$1,000. He wants it to be clear. That seems a bit excessive to him.

Supervisor Crane asked what he thought was reasonable.

Councilman Colgan feels it should be \$500 the first day then a lesser fee each day after that.

Councilman Ross suggested \$200 for each additional day.

Supervisor Crane amended the motion.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to amend the motion to approve fees for a large public assembly or mass gathering of 500 or more for each day of an event will be \$500 for the first day and \$200 per day for the following days for gatherings of 500 to 1,000 persons and \$25 for each additional 100 persons over 1,000 persons on day one only.

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

Town Clerk Sue McCann clarified that it is \$500 for day one, \$200 for day two plus and each additional 100 persons will be \$25 on day one only.

Councilman Ross clarified that each subsequent day is a flat fee regardless of the number of people.

Supervisor Crane responded yes, each subsequent day is \$200. She introduced Christen Wagner of Terrapin.

Christen Wagner explained that she was at the meeting to get the Board's approval for the event that she proposed last week. Because of parking the number has been lowered to 1200 people rather than the 1500 on the original proposal. They contacted Dutchess County Sheriff Captain Paul Piastro in regard to traffic patrol and police presence. He recommended having at least one officer on Kerley Corners Road and did not think there would be any issues at the Routes 9 and 9G intersections. They will work on getting the officer there. She asked if there were any questions for her.

Councilman Colgan asked if the 1200 was based on the limits of the adequacy of parking and asked how they intend to limit it.

Christen responded yes that is why they changed to 1200 and they intend to limit the amount of people by ending ticket sales. Tickets will be sold in advance. If they sell 1200 tickets before the day of the event they will not offer 'day of' tickets.

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke asked the date and place of the event.

Christen told her it is on Sunday, September 18th at Migliorelli Farm on Guski Road.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to support the mass gathering for Terrapin Catering at the Migliorelli Farm for up to 1200 persons on Sunday, September 18, 2011 for the Hudson Valley Green Festival.

The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Councilman Colgan asked if it is 1200 persons or 1200 cars.

Christen told him 1200 tickets sold. Cars will be much less, probably about 500.

Attorney Victoria Polidoro suggested that instead of saying support you would want to grant a permit.

Supervisor Crane amended her motion to the following:

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to issue a public assemblies permit for the mass gathering for Terrapin Catering at the Migliorelli Farm for up to 1200 persons on Sunday, September 18, 2011 for the Hudson Valley Green Festival

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

Christen Wagner thanked the Board for their support.

REPORTS

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke presented the report for May/June. They met with the DCDPW regarding the intersection of Whalesback Rd. and Linden Ave. The County developed engineering plans and will mark the intersection for work to be done by the Town Highway Department. Several culvert pipes on town roads were replaced in order to improve drainage and eliminate shoulder hazards. Cracks were sealed on 4 miles of road. Repair work has been completed on the stone bridge at Aspinwall Road. Roadside mowing and tree removal will continue throughout the summer and street signs lettered M – Z will be replaced with new compliant signs. They've been working with the Recycling Center staff to increase the efficiency of operations and to improve traffic flow and safety by leveling the banks, cutting trees and repositioning the dumpsters. Proper signage has been considered to better inform residents of the changes in the traffic pattern. Due to the recent tree work by Central Hudson they have a large pile of wood chip mulch. Residents can take mulch during normal recycling hours. Pickup truck #9 has been retired after 17 years in service and the replacement truck is on order. Their recommendation is that the vehicle be sold for scrap metal to the local buyer.

Recreation Commission – Recreation Commission Chair Doug Strawinski said they'd love everyone to go out and visit the park. It is up and running and looks beautiful. The summer programs start next week and run through the first week of August. About 600 people are signed up and there is still time to sign up.

Water Department – Councilman Ross gave the report prepared by Water Department Chair Henry VanParys. Both wells are holding their own and are at 50 feet. He reviewed the ongoing projects and said that things are good.

Greenway & Trails Committee – Councilwoman Strawinski reported the Tour-de-Red Hook was cancelled due to rain. It might be rescheduled for the fall. They are looking into ways to raise funds for trails. Recreation Director John Kuhn, Trails Chair Howie Callies and Councilman Harry Colgan participated in a volunteer trail building in West Park to learn more about trail construction. Their next meeting is scheduled for July 7 at Town Hall

ZRC – Councilman O’Neill informed the Board that the committee did not meet. They will meet July 14th if there is an agenda for them.

Senior Services Committee – Supervisor Crane presented the report from Chair Andrew Kehr. He said that the food drive went well and Dutchess Community Action Agency was the recipient of the collection.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.
There were none

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk