

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 12, 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 for the Town Christine Chale
Attorney Victoria Polidoro
Michele Greig, Greenplan

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated June 30, 2011 was read as follows: Opening Balance - \$3,245,873.14; Receipts - \$321,638.63; Disbursed - \$492,637.63; Balance - \$3,074,874.14. She reviewed the budget adjustments that were prepared by Business Manager Deb Marks.

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the Supervisor's report with budget adjustments.

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

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerks report for the period June 1 to June 30, 2011 was read as follows: total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,615.87; amount paid to NYS Dept. of Racing & Wagering - \$15.00; amount paid to NYS Ag. & Markets spay and neuter program - \$84.00; amount paid to NYS Dept of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$90.00; amount paid to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$399.66; total State, County & Local revenues - \$2,204.53

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane read a letter from Bridget Barkley from the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority. It is their intent to submit a modified project proposal for the part county sewer.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comment.

Linda Keeling, Save-Our-Town candidate, referred to an article in the Kingston Daily Freeman. She had a question about the referendum regarding the zoning issue.

REVISIONS TO LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 143 ENTITLED ZONING AND CHAPTER 120 ENTITLED SUBDIVISION OF LAND OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

Supervisor Crane read letters regarding the proposed zoning change from Travis Burud, Mary Godesky and Lindsey Lusher Shute. She asked the Town Board members if they wanted to make a statement.

Councilwoman Strawinski said this process was democracy in action. She said an issue about a referendum was addressed, you cannot by law, have a referendum on this issue. The comprehensive plan focuses on the needs of many, not a few. Compromise has been brought to the table and we've gotten support from Pace Law, the Ag. & Open Space Committee and Dutchess County Planning.

Councilman Colgan said the land use task force asked "what as a community do we want to do"? They've spent an awful lot of time on new language that hasn't been used before. It had great support from many institutions. Zoning impacts different people in different ways. It will preserve our environment as we know it. They've had a lot of conversations and negotiations. He thanked everyone who worked with them to make this happen.

Councilman Ross has always been supportive of zoning laws because they are designed to protect all of us. The purpose of a zoning law is to steer the direction of the community. Our proposal does a lot of that. He still has some misgivings with it because he doesn't see how this will better our community from our present zoning. He favors a lot of the parts but has issues with certain aspects of it. A fear he has is that it would make us a much more exclusionary community than we are now. He doesn't want to be an exclusionary community because there would be no such thing as affordable housing. There have been a lot of modifications to try to make everyone happy but some people with most at stake still aren't happy with it. Those who are affected the most are who we should be considerate of. It may hurt people who have the most skin in the game. He can't see that we are changing direction of our present growth pattern within twenty years.

Councilman O'Neill commented that in the seven or eight years the project has been worked on there is a process that was followed. He has yet to be convinced that we had the wrong process. The process was not done in haste and there is no question that this group had a focus. Original documents were followed and the same visions were followed by this group. He is very proud of the process and the focus that resulted in the creation of the Centers and Greenspaces Plan and promoted the zoning amendments that are proposed tonight. We are preparing for the future of the community. We tried to allow for everyone to benefit in some way and he feels confident that thought was put into this proposed plan.

Supervisor Crane thanked the public for this demonstration of democracy. She believes we've done our best to respond to resident's concerns. Voices have been heard. Change is inevitable. Red Hook is going to change and planning is important. She hopes we will be able to keep open discussion because it is important. She has a firm commitment to keeping an eye on the vitality of the Villages. The Village is a crucial part of the Town that has a history in itself. Most of all she thanked everyone for their demonstration of democracy.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Crane moved on to the resolutions.

Attorney Chale explained and read the first resolution regarding the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

RESOLUTION 2011 #63

RE: DETERMINING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS, LOCAL LAWS NO. C (PROPOSED) AND NO. 3 (PROPOSED) OF 2011 (CENTERS AND GREENSPACES CODE AMENDMENTS) ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE POLICY STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK LOCAL WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

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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Supervisor Crane referred to the next resolution regarding the adoption of the Findings Statement relative to the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan amendments.

Attorney Chale read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011 #64

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF FINDINGS STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS, LOCAL LAW NO. C (PROPOSED) OF 2011 AND LOCAL LAW NO. D (PROPOSED) OF 2011

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan 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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Michele Greig, Greenplan, gave a certified copy to the Town Clerk for her official copy.

Supervisor Crane moved on to the next resolution regarding the adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Attorney Chale explained and read the resolution.

Supervisor Crane read the revisions to the proposed resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011 #65

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

On a motion of Councilwoman Micki Strawinski seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to accept the resolution as read.

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

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Supervisor Crane referred to the next resolution authorizing the adoption of Local Law C (proposed) as Local Law 3 of 2011.

Michele Greig, Greenplan, presented a copy of the clarification of subsection G of the proposed local law.

Attorney Chale explained and read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011 #66

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW C (PROPOSED) OF 2011 AS LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2011

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

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

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Attorney Chale explained and read the resolution authorizing the adoption of Local Law D (proposed) as Local Law #4 of 2011.

RESOLUTION 2011 #67

RE: AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW D (PROPOSED) OF 2011 AS LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2011

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Micki Strawinski moved to accept the resolution as read.

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

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CENTRAL HUDSON ENERGY PROGRAM UPDATE – ANNE MARIE HIRSCHBERGER, PACE CLIMATE CENTER ADVISOR

Supervisor Crane introduced Anne Marie Hirschberger who is our Energy Consultant by way of a NYSERDA grant.

Anne Marie Hirschberger gave an update of the work she has been involved in. She reported that Central Hudson teamed up with a technology company called CONSERT. They are holding a smart grid pilot program which would allow Central Hudson to manage the electrical load in a household. She explained how that program would work. Red Hook was selected because of their efforts to promote energy efficiency. Anne Marie explained the criteria for qualifying and said that an open house will be scheduled to further inform residents. Central Hudson's website is: www.centralhudson.com/HomeEnergySaver. The next project she referred to is the highway garage. She is working with the engineers to procure NYSERDA support and she explained various programs and how they would work. The third item she's been working on is a climate action program to find ways to reduce emissions and energy bills. She will develop a draft plan by the end of August. Hopefully they can have a public comment period on October 10, 2011

and receive comments for thirty days then have a finalized plan. Regarding promoting energy efficiency, they will present ways to navigate the NYSERDA and Central Hudson websites to senior citizens and any other residents interested. A new Executive Director of PACE Energy Center has been hired. His name is Franz Litz and comes with a lot of valuable experience.

HIGHWAY GARAGE UPDATE

Supervisor Crane explained a resolution that the Board needs to consider. We are going to discontinue a portion of Glen Pond Road as we build the highway garage and we are going to discontinue it pursuant to highway law.

Attorney Chale showed a map of the area.

Supervisor Crane said she and Mayor Blundell had a meeting with the neighbor who reviewed the proposal. We will petition our Highway Superintendent. The neighbor has no reservations and she explained then read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011 #68

RE: AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE PETITION TO DISCONTINUE A PORTION OF GLEN POND ROAD

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 REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE 7

Supervisor Crane asked Attorney Chale to lead the Board through this.

Attorney Chale explained the resolution and referred to a copy of the proposed settlement she forwarded to the Board.

Supervisor Crane read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2011 #69

RE: AUTHORIZING SETTLEMENT OF ARTICLE 7 PROCEEDING WITH MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY

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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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Supervisor Crane met with the Community Development Advisory Committee and the Community Development Block Grant 2012 program is available. She asked that the Board consider and do creative thinking as to how we can apply for the funds for the CDBG 2012. The deadline is October 7th. We need to decide what we want to undertake as a community project. The Board will discuss the ideas at the August meeting.

MASS GATHERING UPDATE

Supervisor Crane gave an update on the mass gathering of the Hudson Valley Green Festival by Terrapin Catering. Supervisor Crane received a letter saying that Terrapin Catering cancelled their plans for that festival.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AT ST. MARGARET'S

Supervisor Crane explained that a project was proposed by an Eagle Scout for St. Margaret's property. She asked Councilman Colgan to explain what is being proposed.

Councilman Colgan said they had some concerns about the liability and protecting those working there. It is a great project and is tuned into what the Eagle Scout program does. They did some research and John Kuhn looked into environmental safety issues. It seems doable because protecting the scout from the lead paint can be easily met and will be managed accordingly.

Supervisor Crane recapped that it is for removal of a collapsed shed. The scout's name is Andrew Pope and we are very grateful to him.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Assessor – Assessor Scott Hobson reported that he filed the 2011 final tax roll on July 1st. It is available for public inspection. Sales analysis for this year's roll indicated that values remained stable. Sixty applications for grievance were received and a stipulated agreement was reached with 27 of them. He will attend the Cornell Appraiser Seminar the week of July 18 so the office will be closed. He also recommended the adoption of a resolution of an Article 7 settlement. The most current version of a data collection and verification plan was submitted. There will be limited office hours due to the valuations which he plans on starting the last week of July.

Budget Officer – Supervisor Crane read the report prepared by Budget Officer Rose Rider. Individual departmental comparative budget reports have been distributed and she's begun meeting with departments to discuss not only the status of their current year budget lines but also looking ahead to next year to identify where any savings or revenue might be realized. Rose has been meeting regularly with Supervisor Crane and Business Manager Deborah Marks to discuss budget issues.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement – Code Enforcement Officer Steve Cole presented a report for the period May 26, 2011 to July 12, 2011. There were 32 permits issued; 63 inspections; 24 certificates issued; \$7073.25 – total fees collected; 2 complaints.

Police Report – Supervisor Crane presented the police report for the month of June. There were 51 total incidents, 7 arrests and 49 tickets issued.

Purchasing – Councilman Colgan presented the report for the period 5/25/11/ to 7/11/11 prepared by Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy. During that period 35 purchase orders were issued in the amount of \$378,191.24, the largest for a truck with plow and dump body equipment. The solar panels were installed on the Town Hall roof, we're cleaning the water tank and there is significant work being done at St. Margaret's.

Recycling – Councilwoman Strawinski reported that there has been change in staffing and the center needs volunteers on Saturdays. The new location and traffic flow is working well. They'd like the shed moved and they've asked that water and restrooms be considered. Supervisor Crane said that Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke has looked at the cost of signage to direct traffic.

Dog Control – Councilwoman Strawinski suggested that the SPCA have the Dog Control Officer's cell phone number. She spoke to the SPCA about the situation we have on weekends, holidays and after hours and she suggested getting a temporary shelter on Town property as a holding area. Dr. MacDonald is not available on weekends and holidays. Supervisor Crane said there was a dog shelter here in the past and she said it Town Hall can be problematic because we are located in a neighborhood of families and businesses. A dog placed there being unfamiliar with the surroundings can bark, howl and whine which can be disturbing. Someone would have to take care of it too. Councilwoman Strawinski thinks that can be the Dog Control Officer's responsibility. She will check with other Veterinary Hospitals to see if they would be available and will also check with Rhinebeck.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC - Supervisor Crane announced that September 24th is "Moving Planet Day" and the 10% Challenge is adopting the theme "Pedal On" which will focus on biking and will take place on Hardscrabble Day.

Recreation Commission – Recreation Commission Chair Doug Strawinski started his report by inviting everyone to the recreation park. The summer program continues until August 5th. Over 600 children are enrolled. T-Ball started today and will run for six weeks. Over 140 children participate. The Rec. Park sponsors two pool parties, one on July 16th and the other on July 23. July 16th age group is 7 – 12 and the July 23 is for those children 13 and over. Both run from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. He referred to a memo asking the Board to consider clearing a stump. They

received three bids. The money would come from the parklands fund which is set aside for this purpose.

Councilman Ross said three bids were received and the recommendation is to accept the lowest bid, DJ Vosburgh Enterprises in the amount of \$6300.00.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to authorize \$6300.00 from the parkland fund for stump removal.

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

EDC – Christopher Klose, EDC member, thanked the Board for supporting the Centers & Greenspace Plan. New members are looking at the short term needs of the Village and how to attract businesses. They are also working on longer term ideas focusing on the rejuvenation of the Village.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Councilman O'Neill reported that they continue to meet on Friday mornings at 8:00. There is still work to be done and the challenge is how to fund it.

Senior Services Committee – Councilwoman Strawinski read highlights of the report prepared by Chair Andrew Kehr. Plans are underway to implement a speaker's forum for the coming year to discuss topics that impact senior citizens in our community. The committee is researching options to replace Dial-A-Ride. Jennifer Fivesdal submitted her resignation from the committee. The committee will not meet in August.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Richard Biezynski thanked the Board for listening to him and Al Trezza up until the last minute. They hope the plan goes well.

Supervisor Crane reminded the Board to keep the dialog open so we know what is needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into executive session at 9:31 p.m. regarding a personnel matter and a litigation matter.

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

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Strawinski moved to adjourn the executive session at 10:55 p.m.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Strawinski seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk