

## **RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**April 25, 2012**

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 Harry Colgan  
Councilman William O'Neill  
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle  
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst  
Absent: Councilman James Ross  
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 reminded the public about the many Bicentennial events scheduled. She also announced the Dutchess County EDC Annual Breakfast on May 3 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and the Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on April 28. Councilman Colgan thanked Paula Schoonmaker for all of her work regarding St. Margaret's Home. We've received full reimbursement for the work that has been done to date.

Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst announced a benefit fundraiser for Jessica McCann at the Red Hook VFW from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on May 12.

Councilwoman Cagle reminded residents about the Tour-de-Red Hook on April 29. It begins at the Rec. Park at 1:00 p.m. Clean-Up Day is May 5 meet at Town Hall at 1:30 p.m. to check in.

Supervisor Crane acknowledged Eagle Scout Joshua Rector and Girl Scout Gold Award recipients Allison Diaz and Tamara Wambach.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. There were none.

### **2011 ANNUAL REPORT FOR TOWN OF RED HOOK'S WATER DISTRICT NO. 1**

Water Department Chair Henry VanParys presented the report. It included the names of those in the organization, highlights of 2011, plans and goals for 2012, the water quality, future considerations, a comparative financial overview for 2007 to 2011 and a comparative operations summary for 2007 to 2011.

### **SCENIC HUDSON PDR APPLICATION – CARI WATKINS-BATES**

Supervisor Crane introduced a discussion about a new opportunity from Scenic Hudson and Dutchess Land Conservancy.

Cari Watkins-Bates of Scenic Hudson and Art Collings of Dutchess Land Conservancy spoke about following up on the success of the W. Kerley Corners Road project. They are close to closing on the last property in that corridor. She explained the opportunity to apply to the federal funding program that provided 50% of the cost for the W. Kerley Corners Rd. project. That opportunity opened up again through the USDA Farm & Land protection program. The maximum is 50% of the acquisition cost. Cari explained the ranking and funding of their program. Two landowners in the Town are interested in the PDR program. They are the 150 + acres Kalina parcel on Rokeby Rd. and a Greig Farm 157 acre parcel on Rockefeller Lane. The properties rank high. She and Art Collings are asking the Town if they are willing to provide a letter of support for that application to the USDA for funding. She knows the Town is working on a consolidation of committees who have worked on these issues. It is felt that the properties are very high priority projects based on the Town's Community Preservation Plan and Scenic Hudson feels they would rank high in the USDA's project as well.

Supervisor Crane explained that most of the Board is familiar with the process and asked if they are comfortable with providing a letter of support.

Councilman O'Neill explained that some of the Greig property is used by the soccer club. He asked if that commitment would have an impact on any action we would take.

Cari explained that a majority of that property is leased to Ken Migliorelli and a portion is leased to the soccer club. She does not think that the lease to the soccer club would have any impact.

They looked to see if there is precedence for this issue and they haven't found any.

Councilwoman Cagle feels this is a great opportunity.

Art Collings explained that both parcels have considerable soil resources. The Greig Farm is 92% prime soil.

Councilwoman Cagle asked if the partnership with the USDA works out what the percentage is. Cari said they will request 50% from the USDA which is the maximum for the acquisition fund. Supervisor Crane read a letter to the acting Farm and Ranchland Protection Program Manager supporting the application being submitted by Scenic Hudson Land Trust with Dutchess Land Conservancy as supporting entity for consideration in the USDA's 2012 program. The application being supported is for Kalina and Greig Farm properties. Since we've been protecting farmland we have over 5,000 acres

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to submit a letter in support of Scenic Hudson's application.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Ag. & Open Space Committee – Chair Pete Hubbell reported that EDC member Chris Klose was invited to their last meeting to discuss promoting Red Hook agriculture. The merger of the CPF and Farmland Protection Committees was also discussed. He and Norman Greig will go to the EDC meeting to see how they can work together.

Conservation Advisory Council – Chair Laurie Husted reported that the committee is working on banning hydrofracking. She submitted a letter explaining their view. They recommend an amendment to the zoning law prohibiting hydrofracking.

Disaster Preparedness Committee – Supervisor Crane reported that the committee will hand out Emergency Response materials at Apple Blossom Day. FEMA will also be there.

EDC – Supervisor Crane reported that Chris Klose and Todd Baright attended a conference at the Wallace Center and will report back to us on economic development.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Councilman O'Neill reported that they continued the review of the Historic Overlay District and the Historic Landmark District. The Task Force met with representatives of the UTS and discussed potential development under the current zoning of the UTS and under the Waterfront Conservation District. The UTS representatives reviewed the Master Plan proposed by UTS and provided copies of their revised campus plan reserving their property along the Hudson River for academic use in the foreseeable future. Not residential. A representative of Scenic Hudson will meet with the Task Force on April 27.

Recreation Commission – Councilman Colgan gave the report prepared by the Rec. Commission. Work is ongoing and much of it has been completed. Hurricane Irene did a lot of damage to the park.

St. Margaret's Committee – Supervisor Crane thanked Paula Schoonmaker for the work she did obtaining grants for the building repair.

Senior Services Committee – Councilwoman Cagle reported that they are updating their newsletter. When the new LOOP schedule comes out they will ask a representative from the County to give a presentation. They are going to have a presentation at their next meeting on nutrition and food stamps as it pertains to senior citizens. The senior walk program will resume.

Sister Cities – Supervisor Crane reported that the committee is now pursuing a village in Israel to have three entities working together. They would be the village in Palestine, Red Hook and a village in Israel. A trilateral relationship is being pursued to improve communication and experiences.

Trails Committee – Councilwoman Cagle reported that the Tour-de-Red Hook will meet at 1:00 at the Rec. Park pavilion on Sunday. Henry Christopher resigned so there is a vacancy on that committee.

Tree Committee – Chair Nancy Guski reported that Red Hook received the Tree City Growth Award. The Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration will be April 28 in the Town Hall parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. She listed the events planned for the day. Three commemorative trees will be planted. A White Oak for Marcy Appell at St. Margaret's Home, a Pagoda Dogwood for Cecil Moore at Town Hall and an Ivory Silk Lilac for the Trezza Family at the Red Church. Five White Spruce trees will also be planted at St. Margaret's Home. She thanked Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke for her help with the Tree Committee.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Assessor's Office – Supervisor Crane reported that the tentative roll is complete and will be available to view at Town Hall on May 8th, 9th & 10th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Written

complaints with respect to the assessment may be filed prior to or on grievance day.

Budget Officer – Budget Officer Rose Rider reported that she, the Supervisor and Business Manager met for a three month budget review. They reviewed the budget item by item. There are plans to talk to the Department Heads to make sure the budget stays on track.

Building Inspector – Supervisor Crane presented the report prepared by Building Inspector Steve Cole. For the period March 27 to April 25, 2012 there were: 24 permits, 43 inspections, 28 certificates issued, 15 fees collected in the amount of \$1775.00 and 10 searches in the amount of \$1000.00

Dog Control – Brenda Cagle reported that 8 dogs were seized. All owners were located and counseled, impound and boarding fees paid, dogs licensed and returned to their owners.

Grant Application – Supervisor Crane reported that the grant application has been submitted for shared services. If we receive the grant it will be used to analyze how to develop a relationship with the Village of Red Hook in regard to the Highway Garage and the function of the Highway Department for both municipalities.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke reported that the garage is coming along. They are doing a lot of work in the parking lot and she asked that people not drive through the area to or from the Recycling Center. It is very muddy and she is concerned that cars might get stuck.

Police Report – Supervisor Crane shared the police reports from the Red Hook Police Department and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department. Red Hook Police had 45 total incidents, 3 arrests, and 24 tickets issued. The Sheriff's Department had 98 total incidents.

Purchasing – Councilman Colgan presented the report prepared by Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy for the period March 28 – April 25, 2012. There were 35 purchase orders issued, quotes for a 10 foot dump body were obtained. The low quote was from T & T Sales of Latham, NY. The Town is also working on an RFP for trash hauling.

Recycling – Supervisor Crane reported that she spoke with Recycling Center Manager TJ Hackett who said they are very busy. He is happy with the resident's commitment to recycling. The carting service is out to bid.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Planning Board – Planning Secretary Paula Schoonmaker gave a brief report on their activity.

## **DISCUSSION OF JOINT COMMITTEE CPF/FARMLAND PROTECTION**

Supervisor Crane said they discussed the possibility of merging those committees for practicality's sake. She asked Attorney Chale to lead the conversation.

Attorney Chale explained the reason for merging the two committees. They often have the same focus and the programs overlap quite a lot. She reviewed the legal issues. Attorney Chale also explained what is involved with the merger, as far as the legal ramifications. She referred to the resolution authorizing a consolidated committee. The Board will have to look at the individual members of the committee as part of the reorganization.

Councilman O'Neill understands that the members of the Ag. & Open Space Committee feel that we should start to consolidate and streamline the committee. Three members of the Ag. & Open Space Committee volunteered to serve on the Community Preservation Fund Committee, Ken Migliorelli, John Hardeman and Mary Ann Johnson. They then discussed the consolidation and John Hardeman and Ken Migliorelli volunteered to serve as the farmers on that consolidated committee.

Peter Hubbell added that there was discussion about possibly merging all three committees, Ag. & Open Space, CPF Committee and Farmland Protection. He explained why they thought the A&OS Committee would be involved in merging. It would accomplish the same purposes without going to three or four different meetings and would streamline the process for those interested in preserving their land.

Supervisor Crane explained how the Ag. & Open Space Committee came about years ago to protect farming.

Pete Hubbell agreed and said that the A&OS Committee is an economic development committee for agriculture rather than for shepherding people through the easement process. Why would someone come to the A&OS Committee? They could go through the merged committee. As Chair he doesn't see the point of an easement applicant coming before the Ag. & Open Space Committee.

Attorney Chale explained that an applicant wouldn't be required to go before A&OS, the idea is that some of the members of the A&OS Committee have the experience with the program and might be a good resource for someone who is exploring the idea of applying to the program.

Supervisor Crane said that committee (A&OS) is a wonderful place to start and members can serve in an encouraging way to help people through it all.

Pete Hubbell said the A&OS Committee talked about “technical assistance” and they really aren’t sure what that means. They aren’t qualified architects or surveyors.

Cari Watkins-Bates explained that this is an effort to streamline the process for the landowner. She explained the process a landowner has to go through now.

Councilwoman Cagle understood that the purpose of the combined committee was to be the coordinating committee. Because so many of the A&OS members are supposed to comprise this committee she thought that would be the place for an applicant. That committee could be called to meet and perhaps a land trust can be invited to be at the table with an applicant.

Pete Hubbell explained how he thought it would work.

Attorney Chale explained the process.

Cari Watkins-Bates added Scenic Hudson’s role.

Art Collings’ impression is that landowners are confused about the process and that Dutchess Land Conservancy understands how they can be confused. One committee would be very helpful.

Councilman Colgan thinks there should be someplace a landowner can go to sit with a counselor, someone who can give guidance.

Art Collings thinks that is a good way to provide it. One bit of confusion he has is it complete when they hand in forms or when they have a sponsor.

Supervisor Crane said we haven’t moved forward with the process of a PDR until a partner has been identified.

Pete Hubbell told the Board the Ag. & Open Space committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. He will invite Scenic Hudson and Dutchess Land Conservancy.

The Board discussed whether or not to table the resolution and Attorney Chale explained that we could wait until they consider the composition of the merged committee. The Board decided to consider the resolution after they discussed the composition of the membership.

**RESOLUTION 2012 #26**

RE: AUTHORIZING CONSOLIDATED CPF/PDR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan move to authorize the consolidation.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O’Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

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**RESOLUTION 2012 #27**

RE: INSTATING MEMBERSHIP OF CONSOLIDATED COMMITTEE (COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE)

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to instate the following:

- Susan Ezrati Co-Chair term to expire 12/31/12 and as member term to expire 12/31/13
- Mary Ann Johnson as Co-Chair term to expire 12/31/12 and as member term to expire 12/31/14
- Richard Biezynski term to expire 12/31/13
- Brent Kovalchik term to expire 12/31/13
- Pete Hubbell term to expire 12/31/12
- John Hardeman term to expire 12/31/12
- Ken Migliorelli term to expire 12/31/14

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O’Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

**REORGANIZATION**

Supervisor Crane received an application from Dr. George Verrilli expressing interest in serving on the Economic Development Committee.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Dr. George Verrilli to the EDC for a term to expire 12/31/13

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Ken Migliorelli as Ag. & Open Space representative to serve on the EDC for a term to expire 12/31/13

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Michael Robertson as Ag. & Open Space representative to serve on the Zoning Review Committee for a term to expire 12/31/13

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

Attorney Chale explained that the Zoning Review Committee is an advisory committee and can meet without a quorum. She wants to make sure the members know that. Supervisor Crane doesn't think they know that, she didn't realize it.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. There were none.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go to Attorney/Client session at 9:25 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn Attorney/Client session at 10:14 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the Town Board meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Horst, Deputy Town Clerk