

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

September 11, 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 James Ross
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle (7:40 p.m.)
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Absent: Councilman William O'Neill
Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Supervisor Crane welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is a solemn day and she expressed her concern about holding a meeting on the anniversary of September 11. She commented that the best we can do to honor those who sacrificed so much is to go on doing what Americans do and do our work. She asked everyone to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Crane announced that the Bicentennial event taking place this week is the play "Our Town". The play will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated August 31, 2012 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$3,171,392.74; Receipts - \$299,093.93; Disbursed - \$641,993.67; Balance - \$2,828,493.00 The Transfer Tax balance is \$61,056.79 for community preservation. There were the following budget adjustments: General A Fund – reduce appropriations \$11,000. It was recommended that Court Officers be moved to the B Fund expense account. General B Fund – reduce appropriations \$11,000; total increase in appropriations - \$11,000; Other Funds and Capital Projects – reduce appropriations - \$5,000, total increase in appropriations - \$5,000

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to accept the Supervisor's report as read with budget adjustments.

Adopted	Ayes 3	Crane, Ross, Colgan,
	Nays 0	
	Absent 2	O'Neill, Cagle
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period August 1 – August 31, 2012 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$2,412.95; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$96.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$135.00; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$4,735.55; Total State, County and Local revenue - \$7,379.50.

Town Clerk Sue McCann announced the following:

- Sporting Licenses went on sale August 13. Any hunter that wants doe permits should come in by October 1.
- Hardscrabble Day on September 22. Parade kicks off at 4 p.m. and the Bicentennial giant puppets will be a part of this year's Hardscrabble parade.
- The Bicentennial Committee has created a Community Heritage Book. It will be put into a time capsule that will be buried on October 13. There are pages outside of the Town Clerk's office to fill out for inclusion in the book.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Town Historian J. Winthrop Aldrich spoke about the wonderful Bicentennial events and those people involved in carrying out the events. Red Hook cares about its community character and well being, its heritage and quality of life. Nothing documents this more eloquently than the documentary video, "Community Day at Montgomery Place". He spoke about the community concert and barn dance at Rokeby. More than 200 attended that event. This year also marks the bicentennial of General Armstrong's house and farm at Rokeby. The Aldrich family was so pleased at the fun everyone had that they hope to keep the barn ready as an event space in the future. He thanked everyone for the successful season of celebration and heritage awareness.

Supervisor Crane thanked Winty and his family for being so generous.

Linda Keeling asked if the Board is going to address a letter she sent.

Supervisor Crane offered to do that now if she would like.

Linda Keeling referred to an article in the Mid-Hudson News about Governor Cuomo signing a financial incentive bill merging municipalities of New Paltz. She read a letter she wrote to the Supervisor and Town Board members to explore the dissolution and consolidation of the two municipalities. She explained the reasons for dissolution of the Villages in her letter. Red Hook is the only municipality in Dutchess County that has two Villages. We can no longer afford it. The Governor signed a financial incentive bill to assist in the change of government structure and she asked that the Town Board address this issue.

Supervisor Crane thanked her. She said the Board will touch on that subject in discussion of the budget. It is important to understand where the savings and efficiencies would come from in regard to consolidation. We are a sympathetic Board regarding saving money and trying to develop efficiencies to save taxpayers money.

There were no more public comments.

2013 BUDGET – ROSE RIDER, BUDGET OFFICER

Budget Officer Rose Rider explained that the budget is in process now. The capital equipment five year budget will be part of the discussion. She referred to the individual lines in regard to purchases.

Supervisor Crane explained in regard to the purchase of a wood chipper, we are sharing the cost with the Town of Milan as an intermunicipal agreement the Town has undertaken.

Rose explained that the debt will be explained in the budget discussion. The Board of Election charges are payable in 2012 and 2013. They are offering to settle if we agree to pay in full by December 5, 2012 or pay half by then and the remaining half next year. That total is \$25,951 and we budgeted \$25,000 for this year. That will partially offset the sales tax revenue drop of \$67,000.

Councilman Colgan commented that he is unhappy with the County's decision to reduce our share of the sales tax. These are taxes paid by Town residents and are a transfer of revenues from the Town to the County. Instead of them increasing the tax, we will have to increase the tax.

Supervisor Crane explained the change. Sales tax has been spread across municipalities. The County ran into trouble and dipped into a fund balance which puts them in a precarious position. It was voted by the legislature to tap that fund balance and the new County Executive explained to us that there are only so many places they can recover that fund balance. Some counties don't share their sales tax with municipalities. The County decided in this fiscal year to cap the sales tax it returns to municipalities at 25%. The current projection is a reduction of \$67,000 in County sales tax for Red Hook. To make it less painful is for the County to take back all of the charges for the elections that they hoisted on us years ago. They are offering that as a means to mitigate some of the pain. No municipality affected is happy about this but the County Executive is trying to put County finances in a stable position. We will deal with this when we talk about budget.

Rose asked the Board to schedule the October budget meetings.

The Board reviewed dates and times. The schedule they arrived at is: October 2, October 16, October 23, and October 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Rose asked the Board to check with the committee's that they are liaisons for to make sure they get their budgets in.

PUBLIC HEARING 8:00 P.M.-DOG LAW AMENDMENT

Town Clerk McCann read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. for comments.

As there are no comments, the Supervisor closed the public hearing.

Attorney for the Town Christine Chale explained and read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2012 # 48

RE: AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. E (PROPOSED) OF 2012 REGARDING DOG LICENSING

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan seconded by Councilman James Ross moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted Ayes 4 Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 O'Neill
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CDBG 2013 – SET PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Crane explained the application for the 2013 Community Development Block Grant. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2012 #49

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to set the public hearing for September 26, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 4 Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 O'Neill
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INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – TOWN OF REDHOOK/VILLAGE OF RED HOOK HIGHWAY GARAGE

Supervisor Crane explained that we have been negotiating with the Village of Red Hook to share space in the new Highway Garage. We developed the intermunicipal agreement between the Town and Village of Red Hook regarding shared space in that garage. It was designed to fill their needs as well as our own. The agreement was approved at last night's Village Board meeting and she asked the Town Board to approve her signature on that agreement.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to approve that Supervisor Crane sign the intermunicipal agreement.

Adopted Ayes 4 Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 O'Neill
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PUBLIC HEARING 8:15 P.M.-PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS – Greig Farm/Kalina Farm

Supervisor Crane introduced Cari Watkins-Bates from Scenic Hudson and Art Collings from Dutchess Land Conservancy.

Cari Watkins-Bates gave a brief overview of the projects and explained where the two projects rank in the Community Preservation Project Plan. It is intended to be a partnership program. USDA funding has been approved and will provide up to 50% of the acquisition cost. Both properties hold high quality soils. 25% of the cost is being requested from the Town as well as 50% of the total property related costs since the USDA participates only in the acquisition cost. Art Collings thanked everyone involved for their commitment to the projects and the Town Board for their long term support of these types of projects.

Supervisor Crane thanked Cari and Art. She opened the public hearing to comments.

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice regarding the Greig family farm and the Kalina farm.

Ken Migliorelli thanked the Town Board for considering the properties and hope they vote for the proposal. He also thanked the Greig and Kalina families for placing these properties in conservation easements and Scenic Hudson and Dutchess Land Conservancy for their continued support.

Abby Kalina introduced herself. She thanked everyone for their support. Her father bought the farm in 1955 and she and her sister want to keep the farm running forever.

Chuck Mead mentioned that 86 acres of his farm was protected in 2001. His family operates about 185 acres under easement and lease 28 nearby that was part of the Kerley Corners Road project. He is in favor of this and it is a wise use of funds for not only the present generation but for the future.

Susan Ezrati, CPPDR Chair said the committee members are thrilled to have these two properties placed in a conservation easement. They are preserving the character of this community.

Robert McKeon thanked the farmers and the people of Red Hook. 83% of the residents voted in favor of allocating funds for this effort. We have done a lot of preservation at very little cost. It is important to preserve these farms.

Wint Aldrich, Town Historian and resident of Barrytown commented that this is another reason why he is so proud of our town.

Pete Hubbell, Chair of the Ag. & Open Space Committee, said this is an excellent opportunity to use Town funds to preserve vital agricultural lands. This is the kind of program we should continue in order to keep our farms viable. He urged the Board to vote in favor.

Marcy Appell is so pleased about the Kalina farm. It is just gorgeous land. She knew Nate Kalina for years and knew how he loved that place. Whenever Marcy asked him to protect his land, he told her that his girls will do that. She thanked them.

Charlie Laing, Deputy Chair of the Planning Board recommended that the Board move forward with these two projects. He thanked Scenic Hudson and Dutchess Land Conservancy, we benefit greatly from that.

Supervisor Crane thanked those volunteers who worked hard on land conservation. It has been a remarkable experience. She thanked Abby Kalina for being in attendance. There were no more public comments. She closed the public hearing.

Attorney Chale presented the packet of resolutions and reviewed them with the Board. She read and summarized the resolutions.

RESOLUTION 2012 #50

RE: ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION/PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON FARMLAND (GREIG FAMILY FARM)

On a motion of Councilman James Ross seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION 2012 #51

RE: GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE GREIG FAMILY FARM

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman James Ross moved to approve the resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION 2012 #52

RE: ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION /PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS ON FARMLAND (KALINA FARM)

On a motion of Councilman James Ross seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

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

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RESOLUTION 2012 #53

RE: GRANTING FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE KALINA FARM

On a motion of Councilman James Ross seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	O'Neill
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Cari Watkins-Bates thanked the community and everyone who helped with the PDR program. Supervisor Crane thanked Abby Kalina and told her how much we miss her parents and said they would be very proud. She asked her to thank her sister and family. Councilman Colgan said the support and energy involved is great to see. Supervisor Crane thanked Cari Watkins-Bates, Art Collings and Attorney Chale for all of the work she did behind the scenes.

SCISM BRIDGE BIDS REVIEW – DAN PROPER RECOMMENDATION

Supervisor Crane explained that Hurricane Irene damaged to the Scism Road Bridge. We are addressing it and she thanked Dan Proper of the Town engineering firm, Crawford & Associates for leading the next phase of deliberations.

Dan Proper received seven bids out of sixteen that were sent out. The low bidder was Corewood Ventures, Inc. of Poughkeepsie. Crawford & Associates checked five of their references and all came back with very good responses. Their bond reference and insurance protection came back positive. He recommended Corewood Ventures receive the contract. He shared the bid cost, and explained the work that would be done. The Highway Department will do part of the work themselves at a reduced cost. He presented a project budget update and reviewed it with the Board. The total budget is \$311,500. The tentative schedule to begin construction is to start in October or November and be complete in December.

Supervisor Crane asked if any FEMA funds are expected or received.

Dan told her that is still in the works.

Supervisor Crane said we met the deadline to qualify if the project is deemed worthy. Over \$60,000 could be received. She thanked Dan for his work.

Councilman Colgan said the bridge is around 80 years old.

Dan said the original abutments are around 150 years old.

Attorney Chale reviewed the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2012 #54

RE: AUTHORIZING AWARD OF BIDS FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK SCISM ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On a motion of Councilwoman Brenda Cagle seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	O'Neill
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Supervisor Crane explained the next resolution to correct the name of the road which has several spellings and references. The 911 address will be updated and the new Town Highway Garage will be located at 28 Glen Pond Drive. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2012 #55

RE: APPROVING THE NAME CHANGE FROM GLEN POND ROAD TO GLEN POND DRIVE

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman James Ross moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted Ayes 4 Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 O'Neill
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Supervisor Crane read the next resolution.

RESOLUTION 2012 #56

RE: REQUESTING MODIFICATION OF SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE 9G FROM WEST KERLEY CORNERS ROAD TO KELLY ROAD

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

Adopted Ayes 4 Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 O'Neill
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Supervisor Crane explained that bids went out for trash hauling and the bid has been awarded. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2012 #57

RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION AND HAULAGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND ROYAL CARTING SERVICE CO.

On a motion of Councilwoman Brenda Cagle seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted Ayes 4 Crane, Ross, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 1 O'Neill
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Supervisor Crane commented that this was a well done negotiation and we are pleased with the outcome.

Attorney Chale commented that Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy spent quite a bit of time on this and did a good job on the process.

Supervisor Crane agreed and said it is one of those efforts that takes many, many hours and he was terrific in that regard.

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD ALTERNATE

Supervisor Crane explained that Michelle Turck submitted a resume to serve as alternate.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Michelle Turck to serve as alternate on the Planning Board term to expire December 31, 2013.

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

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF JACQUELINE FENAROLI TO PART-TIME POSITION AS SECRETARY, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Supervisor Crane asked for the approval of appointment.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to approve the appointment of Jacqueline Fenaroli as part time Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Supervisor Crane said that Sheila Franklin, the former ZBA Secretary, has been very helpful to Jackie. Sheila is going through challenges and is in our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle asked that a smoking ban at the recreation park be on the next agenda. Fracking is another issue she asked to be placed on the agenda. She also announced that the play “Our Town” will be at 7:30 p.m. on September 14 and 15. Linda Keeling suggested that a plaque be placed on the Scism Road Bridge describing its history. Maybe the Egbert Benson Historical Society could look into it.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk