

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 9, 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
Town Clerk Sue McCann
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.

PRESENTATION OF BICENTENNIAL QUILT

Supervisor Crane thanked everyone who was involved in the bicentennial celebration, then introduced Loretta Campagna, Chair of the Bicentennial Committee and Sandy Martin.

Loretta Campagna thanked the Town for highlighting the bicentennial quilt that was presented. It is a visual display to be passed down through the generations. She expressed her pride in the Bicentennial Committee and events.

Sandy Martin explained that one of their biggest goals was to find a place to hang the quilt so that it can be part of the community. She thanked Diana Louie, owner of the Fabric Shop in Red Hook, for her help making the quilt.

Diana Louie introduced the volunteers who helped with the quilt and thanked them all. She explained the stories that she heard at her store regarding the Town and said that quilts are objects of care, of comfort, warmth and love. Hopefully it will inspire younger generations to protect Red Hook's beauty and bounty. As volunteers worked, she fretted over deadlines. Close to two dozen people came together once a month to work on the quilt. It is a piece of history.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period September 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 was read as follows: Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$2,319.79; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$79.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$180.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation - \$7,235.46; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$9,814.25

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane announced that we received a letter from the NY State Comptroller's Office regarding our needs assessment. We received a positive response and she congratulated the staff. The Town Board is now looking at the tentative budget which was filed with the Town Clerk at the end of September. Supervisor Crane wants the County to negotiate with health care insurance.

Dutchess County Legislator Ben Traudt explained that the County is looking into collecting property taxes in installments. They have heard both positive and negative comments and at this point are just looking into it.

Councilman Colgan asked about the two Villages.

DC Legislator Traudt explained that they do not have to pay in installments.

Councilman Colgan announced that the Rotary Citizen of the Year is Loretta Campagna. She will be honored at their dinner on October 23 at 6:15 p.m.

Councilwoman Cagle listed the electronic waste items that are now accepted at our Recycling Center: televisions, monitors, computers, keyboards, small scale servers, fax machines, scanners, printers, VCR, DVR, DVD players, portable digital music players, digital converter boxes, cable or satellite receivers, electronic or video game consoles and cell phones.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

There were none.

ECHO VALLEY STREET LIGHTING – MARK MULPETER, CENTRAL HUDSON

Mark Mulpeter from Central Hudson explained that the Town owns the street lights and Central Hudson maintains them. He explained the two options for replacing the street lights. A snapshot of the map section that includes Echo Valley and Willard Roads and a street light detail list of the Town of Red Hook consolidated lighting district were provided. A public hearing would have to be held to establish a lighting district.

The Board discussed taking public comments at the November 13 business meeting.

HYDROFRACKING LAW DISCUSSION

Supervisor Crane referred to the three proposed local laws in connection with hydrofracking. One, a local law prohibiting the disposal of natural gas or oil drilling waste products in the Town of Red Hook, one local law to prohibit brine on Town roads, and one local law to prohibit heavy industry.

Attorney Chale explained that the Town will have to consider SEQRA, and a full EAF prepared by the planner.

Supervisor Crane wants an estimate from Michele Greig of Greenplan to prepare the EAF.

Councilman O’Neill wants to hear from the CAC or the Planner.

CAC RECOMMENDATION: PDR/TERM EASEMENT

Tabled until the October 24th meeting.

PDR – GREIG FARM EASEMENT MODIFICATION

Supervisor Crane referred to the amendment to the resolution granting final approval for the PDR of the Greig Family Farm. The easement survey was modified for one acre more.

RESOLUTION 2012 #62

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

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

Adopted	Ayes	4	Crane, Colgan, O’Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	1	Ross
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DUTCHESS LAND CONSERVANCY, MONITOR OF STREICHLERS CONSERVATION EASEMENT – NOTICE OF 10’ X 15’ UNDERGROUND ROOT CELLAR

Supervisor Crane referred to a letter from Dutchess Land Conservancy dated 9/27/2012. It is for informational purposes only and explained a request to approve the construction of a root cellar on the Three Pond Farm Conservation Easement.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

There were none.

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting 9:01 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk