

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2013

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
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Absent: Councilman James Ross
Councilman William O'Neill

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated March 31, 2013 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$2,644,517.87; Receipts - \$2,351,775.46; Disbursed - \$762,116.75; Balance - \$4,234,176.58

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to accept the Supervisor's monthly report.

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

The Town Clerk's report for the period March 1 through March 31, 2013 was read as follows:

Total local shares remitted to the Supervisor - \$1,504.18; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$50.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health for Marriage Licenses - \$45.00; Amount remitted to NYS DEC - \$251.32; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$1,850.50
Town Clerk Sue McCann reminded residents that burning is prohibited between March 15 and May 14, 2013. Only brush can be burned and the use of burn barrels is banned. Call the Town Clerk's Office if you have any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Cagle made the following announcements:

- Arbor Day Celebration on April 27, 2013 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Town Hall parking lot.
- Daylily Day on May 4, 2013 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at North Wind Farms.

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- We will enter a grant application available only to municipalities in the County for shared services. She urged everyone to think of new ways of joining our municipal needs with others in the County.
- Councilwoman Cagle, Councilman Colgan and Supervisor Crane attended a Scenic Hudson press conference today. It celebrated the closing on 160 acres of the Greig Farm through the Purchase of Development Rights program. She read a statement from the property owner, James Greig, who is presently deployed to Afghanistan.
- DC Economic Development annual breakfast on October 17, 2013, Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel
- DC Land Conservancy course on April 29, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Conservation Easements and Subdivisions
- Village of Tivoli, Kaatsbaan Dance Center featuring Joan Tower, composer, with her dance troupe on April 27 at 7:30 p.m.
- Supervisor Crane attended the Elks installation meeting and was awarded Citizen of the Year for 2012/13.

TOWN HISTORIAN

Supervisor Crane introduced J. Winthrop Aldrich, Town Historian, to talk about the Red Hook Bicentennial.

Town Historian J. Winthrop Aldrich who also attended the press conference said that our Supervisor, Sue Crane, was as eloquent as anyone could be on the subject of having the fabulous farmland preserved at Greig Farm. The Kalina Farm is also being protected and he is very happy about that.

As Town Historian he is proud of the work the Town did on the Bicentennial event last year. He gave a brief and colorful presentation of the Town's history. As stipulated in the 1812 minutes the first annual Town meeting was held and he read the names of the elected Town officers. That Town Board meeting was adjourned for the rest of the year. He introduced Claudine Klose. Claudine Klose said the bicentennial was a fabulous event where all kinds of interesting history were unearthed. During the bicentennial they worked with the Friends of the Elmendorph. After working together the two organizations decided to consolidate the Friends of the Elmendorph with the Historical Society. It would still hold the charter as a historical society but will be able to expand its scope. The plan is to submit an application to the State Education Department and complete the process by the end of the year. The proposed name is Historic Red Hook and it is a legacy of the bicentennial.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Chris Klose thanked the Town Board and the volunteers for the bicentennial celebration.

Supervisor Crane commented that we cannot count on upper level of government to help us, we must help ourselves. The vision and understanding of what we want to be starts here. She encouraged residents to contact any of the Board with ideas.

PUBLIC HEARING - 8:00 P.M.

PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FOR THE RECREATION PARK EXTENSION

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane declared the public hearing open and asked if there were any comments.

Denise Barton lives across the street from the houses that back up to the new recreation park.

Generally they are in favor of it but one concern of the neighbors who border the property is the issue of lighting in the parking areas. She asked how long the public hearing will be open because she has neighbors who might want to comment.

Supervisor Crane asked if there were any other comments. She explained that this public hearing is for the Town to be able to declare a full environmental assessment and a negative declaration on the recreation park without having to go through the typical process that any applicant would have to go through. We are concerned with meeting the standards of what is called a Monroe Action. That is what this public hearing is about. She asked Attorney Chale if it is important to leave the public hearing open for the type of concern that Mrs. Barton or any neighbor has.

Attorney Chale explained the consideration of the Monroe. The final approval of the master plan would be at a following meeting.

Supervisor Crane explained that in terms of neighbors input there will be time to listen to further public comment. She explained this particular public hearing.

There were no further comments.

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the public hearing.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Crane, Colgan, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Ross, O'Neill

Attorney Chale reviewed plans with the Board regarding the fields and trails at the new recreation park. She moved on to review project impacts and their magnitude then the responsibility of the lead agency. She explained the following resolutions:

RESOLUTION 2013 #21

RE: TO ADOPT A DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE PROPOSED RECREATION PARK EXTENSION MASTER PLAN

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

Adopted	Ayes	3	Crane, Colgan, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Ross, O'Neill

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RESOLUTION 2013 #25

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. A (PROPOSED) OF 2013, A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING BRINE ON TOWN ROADS

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to set the public hearing for May 14, 2013 at 8:15 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 3 Crane, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 2 Ross, O'Neill
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RESOLUTION 2013 #26

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. B (PROPOSED) OF 2013, A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 84 OF THE TOWN CODE

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to set the public hearing for May 14, 2013 at 8:20 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 3 Crane, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 2 Ross, O'Neill
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RESOLUTION 2013 #27

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. C (PROPOSED) OF 2013, A LOCAL LAW PROHIBITING HEAVY INDUSTRY

On a motion of Councilwoman Brenda Cagle seconded by Supervisor Sue Crane moved to set the public hearing for May 14, 2013 at 8:30 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 3 Crane, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 2 Ross, O'Neill
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PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 2013 TO MAKE A MINOR ADJUSTMENT TO THE DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE (TND) ZONING DISTRICT

Attorney Chale explained the following resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #28

RE: CLASSIFYING ACTION AND ESTABLISHING LEAD AGENCY UNLISTED ACTION

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

Adopted Ayes 3 Crane, Colgan, Cagle
 Nays 0
 Absent 2 Ross, O'Neill
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RESOLUTION 2013 #29

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW D (PROPOSED) OF 2013 REGARDING TND ZONING DISTRICT

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to set the public hearing for May 14, 2013 at 8:45 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Crane, Colgan, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Ross, O'Neill

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TRANSFER OF A LOT ON ASPINWALL ROAD FROM THE TOWN WATER DISTRICT TO THE TOWN OF RED HOOK FOR USE AS A TRAIL FROM ASPINWALL TO THE EXTENDED RECREATIONAL PARK

Attorney Chale explained the next resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #30

RE: ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONVEYANCE OF AN UNNEEDED WATER DISTRICT PARCEL TO THE TOWN

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to set the public hearing for April 24, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Crane, Colgan, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Ross, O'Neill

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Crane opened for comments.

Councilman Colgan commented on timing of expenditures for equipment. It is probably better to replace equipment when it requires replacement rather than when we consider it affordable. We've discussed with the Highway Department a procedure to evaluate their equipment and they are in agreement with that.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Crane, Colgan, Cagle
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Ross, O'Neill

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk