

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 22, 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
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane announced the following:

- Memorial Day Parade at 10:00 a.m. ending at Memorial Park in Red Hook
- Tivoli has a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at their Memorial Park
- Red Hook High School will have a visit from Astronaut Mark Kelly on May 25 from 10 – 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.
- The school budget passed and Johanna Moore and Kelly Mosher have been re-elected
- Senior Picnic – June 16 in Tivoli's Memorial Park
- Household Hazardous Waste Day in Rhinebeck on June 1.
- Congratulations to Hanlon Crane and Helena O'Shea for receiving the VFW's DEC award
- Food Drive on June 11 at the Firehouse from 1 – 3 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m.
- The Town approached Rhinebeck Aerodrome regarding re-use of the old highway garage. They are unable to do all the work that would be required.
- Notification received from Montreal regarding a road race. It is NYSDOT recognition for a race going through our community from Montreal to New York City.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Chris Klose informed the Board that on June 2, and June 9 at the Elmendorph there will be a pop up display "Red Hook Goes to the Civil War". The hours are 1 – 4 p.m. He also said that the Egbert Benson Society consolidated with the Friends of Elmendorph and is now called "Historic Red Hook".

Supervisor Crane thinks that the representation of the bicentennial might be a great "Welcome to Red Hook" sign. She is going to look into it.

WATER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2012

Water Department Chair Henry VanParys presented the report for 2012. The contents of the report include organization (Water Board members and Operations Personnel), highlights of 2012, plans and goals for 2013, water quality, future considerations, comparative financial overview from 2008 – 2012, and comparative operations summary from 2008 – 2012. The Water Board plans to meet every two months unless there is a reason to meet. VRI Environmental Services, Inc. is the new system operator as of January 1, 2012. The Water Board is considering a 10% rate increase to give them a buffer in their reserve fund.

KESICKE FARM PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Supervisor Crane introduced Cari Watkins-Bates of Scenic Hudson and Susan Ezrati, co-chair of the CPF/PDR Advisory Committee.

Cari Watkins-Bates explained the farmland protection program they are involved in. Regarding the Kesicke Farm project, she presented the information about the parcel on Middle and Rokeby Roads. She explained the partnership with the Town, Scenic Hudson and hopefully the USDA Farm and Ranchland Protection money for the purchase of development rights. The project has been submitted to the USDA. An estimated project cost was presented to the Board. Cari described the property to be preserved.

Councilman O'Neill asked the status of the rest of the farm.

Cari said the remainder of the land is owned by multiple family members. She pointed out those areas.

Supervisor Crane asked what action should be taken tonight.

Cari said if it would be an action that the Town would consider we would have to schedule a public hearing.

Attorney Chale explained that we would need the SEQRA form and schedule a date for a public hearing. She suggested scheduling the hearing for the first meeting in July.

Susan Ezrati presented a memo dated May 21, 2013 from the CPF/ PDR Advisory Committee. They reviewed applications for the Kesicke Farm as well as others. The committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Town Board fund the application.

Councilman O'Neill asked if in their examination as a committee, they are satisfied that this is consistent with what they are proposing.

Susan told him they considered only that parcel that was presented to them.

Cari said they have not discussed anything with other family members who own other portions of the land. Frank Vosburgh is the only one who has applied for permanent protection with a conservation easement. She identified and explained the various parcels.

Councilman Colgan asked Susan Ezrati if any of the other parcels of the original farm are listed. Susan said there were other parcels ranked and briefly explained them.

Supervisor Crane will put this on the agenda for the next meeting for a look at the SEQRA and to establish a public hearing date.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Crane explained that there has been a fair amount of discussion about non-smoking policies in Dutchess County parks and a number of Towns have followed Dutchess County's lead and created non-smoking policies for their public spaces. She asked Recreation Director John Kuhn if he would go the Recreation Commission with a request to consider that. It seems that if we are investing in a place where children play we need to set a standard that is a best possible model for them. The Commission voted to come to the Town with authorization to adopt a non-smoking policy. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2013 #40

RE: AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF NON-SMOKING POLICY IN TOWN PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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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The vote was taken after the following discussion:

Councilwoman Cagle asked how it would be enforced.

Supervisor Crane explained that other Townships and County Parks have taken a stand that it is self enforce, that signage is effective. We are hoping that will be the case here.

Supervisor Crane explained the upgrade in the Muncicity Software System for Building Departments. Hyde Park will be lead applicant for a cooperative application for service of equipment for the Muncicity program. Hyde Park does not have the program and we need an upgrade. The Village of Tivoli and the Town of Milan will also be part of that application.

RESOLUTION 2013 #41

RE: AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN CLOUD SOFTWARE PROGRAM WITH TOWN OF HYDE PARK BEING LEAD FOR MUNICITY SOFTWARE SYSTEM FOR BUILDING DEPARTMENTS

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to join the application to Dutchess County shared services grant for a desktop and printer that would amount to a total purchase value of \$1400 if the application is favorably received.

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

REPAIR OF HIGHWAY LOADER

Supervisor Crane referred to the Highway Department's loader in need of repair. We have talked about it for the past few months. It has been on the capital plan for replacement. She asked Councilman Colgan to convey the information he received.

Councilman Colgan went to J& P Truck & Equipment Repairs, Inc. to get a third party evaluation on the condition of the loader. Replacement cost is in the neighborhood of \$160,000, the loader we have is approximately 15 years old. He explained how the company evaluated the machine. He reviewed the conditions of the loader. We might consider keeping this machine and repairing it in this budget year. Re-evaluating it annually is his recommendation.

Highway Superintendent Burke asked how long the repair would take.

Councilman Colgan doesn't think the machine will be out of service to make these kinds of repairs. He thinks it is all in shop work and wouldn't have to be done all at once.

Highway Superintendent Burke said the total cost of repair of him doing it is \$6,000.

Councilman Colgan recommends doing it in house.

Supervisor Crane said she doesn't know enough about it to recommend that.

Highway Superintendent Burke will not go against the Board's recommendation. It is a 15 year old piece of equipment. He can't look into the brakes or transmission. He can go by the fluids and say they show normal wear but if there is mechanical malfunction that won't show up until it is under stress. She is comfortable to live with that if the Board is.

Supervisor Crane called Councilman Ross about the analysis and he is also comfortable waiting and following the recommendations of the consulting.

The Board agreed to have the loader repaired.

Supervisor Crane thanked Highway Superintendent Therese Burke and the Highway crew for clearing the shrubbery from the front of the Town Hall building. Some of the shrubbery was re-used in various locations on the Town Hall property.

Highway Superintendent Burke told the Board that they were able to replant about 80% of what was removed.

Supervisor Crane said that Harold Fell told her before he died how much he would like to have a blue spruce in the Abrahams Park. We are hoping that the Tree Committee can move the blue spruce in front of Town Hall and have one replanted at Abrahams Park.

Councilwoman Cagle said there is a perfect spot for it at that park.

REPORTS

EDC – Chair Chris Klose reported on the voluntary survey of Red Hook's businesses. More than 80 responses to the survey were received. The committee wants to show that Red Hook is business friendly and he shared some of the ideas the EDC has. The key is to have a cooperative volunteer public relations campaign.

Supervisor Crane asked if Tivoli businesses are represented on the committee.

Chris told her no, but it is a great idea.

Councilwoman Cagle said that some people have been working with the Climate Community people in Albany to help them help us formulate a Green Business Certification Program. We now have that product and asked if it would be appropriate to bring that to the EDC. We are looking at someone to take in from here.

Bond - Supervisor Crane informed the Board that our bond was settled today and we were able to get a rate of .89%. It was bid by the Greene County Commercial Bank. It is for the Scism Rd. Bridge and for the Greig and Kalina farms.

Planning Board – The following were granted: special permit to Bard College, a lot line alteration for a property on Starbarrack Road, a subdivision plat approval for a parcel in the original Kesicke farm. They continued to review applications for a proposed minor subdivision on North Road for expansion of the facilities at Devereux and for a residential development off Old Farm Road. It accepted a Certificate of Appropriateness application for the modification of a residence in the Hamlet of Barrytown.

ZBA – The Board heard the Review of Appeal for the Bakers who wish to erect a 6 foot lattice fence. The public hearing will be held on June 12, 2013 at 7:05 p.m.

Assessor – The 2013 Tentative Roll has been filed and published pursuant to NYS Real Property Tax Law. Grievance Day is Tuesday, May 28 from 4 – 8 p.m. They are continuing to inspect and document each of the 4327 parcels in Town by the end of 2013.

Building Inspector – For the period 4/23/2013 – 5/2/2013 there were 23 permits issued; 38 inspections; 2 complaints; 21 certificates issued; total fees collected - \$4147.00.

Highway Department – Supervisor Crane explained that in terms of grant applications, she sent a note to Mayor Cranna of Tivoli and Mayor Blundell of the Village of Red Hook that we will be moving forward with their participation for consolidation of highway analysis. She asked them for information to enable them to put together a very succinct statement of what we are asking.

That would be funding for a consultant to look at the data we've got in hand showing all of us where the efficiencies are and what sense it would make to consolidate the highway departments. It must be in electronic form to the Dutchess County Planning Department by June 27, 2013. We also have a grant application in for the CDBG program for a sidewalk on the east side of Route 9 in an area that qualifies.

Police Report (Dutchess County Sheriff) – For the month of April there were 97 incidents.

Purchasing – Purchasing activity for the period April 24 – May 22, 2013 was reported. 22 Purchase orders were issued, the largest being to Gorman Brothers of Albany for crack filler/sealer for Rokeby and Benner Roads. This was covered under NYS contract. An RFP is being prepared for demolition of the old highway Quonset garage.

Intermunicipal Task Force – They are reviewing the draft of the proposed amendments to the Development within the Scenic Corridor Overlay District. They've also reviewed the substantive comments to the proposed scenic corridor amendments as set forth in a Town Attorney memo dated 1/27/10.

CAC – The NYSDEC Environmental Camp awarded to Hanlon Crane and Helena O'Shea. The Ruth Oja scholarship will be awarded at the June 6 awards night at the High School. Donations were received for 20 compost bins at the Arbor/Earth/Clean Up Day event, there was a 10% Challenge scavenger hunt, submitted comments on Scenic Roads and attended Complete Streets training.

Recreation Commission – This is their busiest period. Director John Kuhn finished the summer recreation brochures and they are also available on line. Sign-ups are the first two Saturdays in June.

Senior Services Committee – There will be a food drive on June 11 and a resignation was received from committee member Nancy Finkle.

Trails Committee – The Tour-de-Red Hook was cancelled due to bad weather. They are hopeful that they will be able to participate in some grant applications for trail work.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

There were none.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilwoman Cagle move to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk