

## RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 8, 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 James Ross  
Councilman Harry Colgan  
Councilman William O'Neill  
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle  
Town Clerk Sue McCann

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 September 30, 2013 was read as follows: Opening balance: \$3,339,264.56; Receipts - \$225,138.51; Disbursed - \$305,209.93; Balance - \$3,259,193.14. There was one budget adjustment in the Highway DB Fund: Increase in appropriations - \$12,000. The Transfer Tax balance is \$323,744.48 as of September 30, 2013.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan move to approve the Supervisor's report with budget adjustment.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

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### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's report for the period September 1 – September 30, 2013 was read as follows: Total local shares to Supervisor - \$1,887.99; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$66.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept of Health - \$247.50; Amount remitted to NYS Environmental Conservation - \$7,587.63; Total State, County & Local revenue - \$9,789.12

August 2013 Abstract – Vouchers 16528 through 16688 were approved for payment by the Board for the month of August. Abstract total - \$303,548.64

September 2013 Abstract – Vouchers 16690 through 16760 were approved for payment by the Board for the month of September. Abstract total - \$95,827.79

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Town Clerk Sue McCann announced a free rabies clinic in the Stanford Firehouse on October 24, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., sponsored by the D.C. Department of Health.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane announced dates for future budget meetings; Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and Nov 6, 2013 all at 7:30 p.m. She also announced that Rebuilding Together extended the deadline for applying to October 31.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.  
There were none.

### RESOLUTION HONORING RUTH OJA, RED HOOK'S ROTARY CLUB "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2013"

Councilwoman Cagle read the resolution honoring Ruth Oja.

#### RESOLUTION 2013 # 69

RE: HONORING RUTH OJA, RED HOOK ROTARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2013

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to approve the resolution.



Supervisor Crane asked the Town Board about their relationships with land trusts. Councilman O'Neill has always felt they have a good working relationship. Councilman Colgan considers this a legacy and sees us as the breadbasket of quality food. He feels we preserved a way of life and we preserved a major farming community. Councilwoman Cagle thinks how important the partnerships are and how many people participated in these efforts. We appreciate everyone coming together toward this effort. Councilman Ross commented that the Town has been very successful saving valuable farmland starting with our original PDR program. Supervisor Crane feels it is a wonderful effort. She introduced Susan Ezrati who chairs the CPF Committee which evaluates and determines the most important aspects to protect.

Before the next public hearing Supervisor Crane recused herself because of a previous working relationship with the Kesicke Farm family. Deputy Supervisor Ross led the meeting.

**PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR THE KESICKE FARM – 8:15 P.M.  
PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS FOR THE KLOSE FARM – 8:30 P.M.**

Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice regarding the purchase of development rights of the Kesicke and Klose Family Farms.

**KESICKE FARM**

Councilman Ross opened the first public hearing for the Kesicke Farm.

Cari Watkins-Bates from Scenic Hudson reviewed information about the Kesicke Farm.

Art Collins of Dutchess Land Conservancy commented that there is a big concentration of conserved properties in Red Hook. The Town has managed to leverage a lot of money from other sources to match what it spends itself. He went on to describe the Kesicke Farm property. Cari Watkins-Bates pointed out the lands surrounding the Kesicke Farm also protected. When surveys are completed they will have exact purchase prices and she also explained the funding. Councilman Ross opened for comments from the public.

*Susan Ezrati*, Chair of the CPF Committee, explained the history of the funding for the farms. These two projects bring the preserved farmland to approximately 5000 acres.

*Ken Anderson* commented that several factors come to mind regarding these properties. Relative to agriculture, this farm is an active farm and it's a real example of pure agriculture taking place. It contributes a great deal to the community. He thinks it is an important piece of land in the Town and we need to support it. It is beneficial not only to the landowner, but also to the public.

*Robert McKeon* echoed the same sentiments as Mr. Anderson. Looking at these farms you see the properties being operated by responsible people. He supports the applications.

*Ken Migliorelli* spoke on behalf of the Vosburgh family. Over 3,000 acres are preserved in the Town. It shows our commitment in preserving farmland. The vista will be there for many generations and he thanked the Town Board for supporting this.

*Darryl Mosher* supports the Kesicke Farm preservation of development rights. It is a great property with active agriculture.

*Susan Ezrati* explained the criteria in reference to the Kesicke Farm preservation.

Councilman Ross asked if there were any more comments from the public or the Board.

Attorney Chale reviewed the SEQRA for the Kesicke Farm. She read the resolve portion of the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2013 #72**

**RE: ADOPTING A SEQRA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE KESICKE FARM**

On a motion of Councilman William O'Neill seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolutions.

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

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Attorney Chale summarized the use of money in the Community Preservation Fund for the PDR of Kesicke Farm. She read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2013 #73**

RE: GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE KESICKE FARM

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted      Ayes    4      Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Cagle  
                  Nays    0  
                  Recused 1      Crane  
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**KLOSE FAMILY FARM**

Supervisor Crane returned to the meeting after the votes on the Kesicke Farm. Town Clerk McCann read the public hearing notice for both farms previously. Cari Watkins-Bates from Scenic Hudson thanked everyone involved in the farmland preservation program in the Town of Red Hook. She and Art Collins from Dutchess Land Conservancy reviewed the information regarding the Klose Family Farm. The property is 103 acres on Echo Valley Road. A boundary survey will be completed. Susan Ezrati, Chair of the CPF Committee explained the criteria used for recommendation. Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. *Michael Robertson* owns property north that adjoins the Klose Family Farm and has a conservation easement through Scenic Hudson. He is happy to see the Klose Farm will share the same future. He spoke of the challenges and benefits of running a small farm. *Larry Thetford* commented that the farm represents a lot of significant priorities critical to farmland protection. It is a productive farm and also very historic and scenic. He supports the application. *Robert McKeon* explained where the money comes from for the community preservation fund. He thanked the Klose family and all others involved in supporting this. Supervisor Crane asked if there were any more comments. There were none. Public comment period was closed. Attorney Chale reviewed the SEQRA determination for the PDR of the Klose Farm

**RESOLUTION 2013 #74**

RE: ADOPTING A SEQRA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE KLOSE FARM

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted      Ayes    5      Crane, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Cagle  
                  Nays    0  
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**RESOLUTION 2013 #75**

RE: GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF MONEY IN THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE KLOSE FARM

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

Adopted      Ayes    5      Crane, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Cagle  
                  Nays    0  
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**2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Supervisor Crane referred to the public hearing regarding the proposal for the CDBG application. She reviewed the engineer’s preliminary construction estimate for the proposed sidewalk on the east side of S. Broadway in the Town. Town Clerk Sue McCann read the public hearing notice.

Supervisor Crane opened the public hearing and asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Supervisor Crane referred to two letters received in regard to the proposal. One expresses concerns about the application from business owners and residents opposed to the mentioned sidewalk. They listed various reasons. The second letter is from a proponent listing seven items. Both letters will be on file with the Town Clerk. She asked the Board for comments. The Board members expressed their support. Councilman Ross would like to talk with the Save Our Town Committee members who presented the letter of opposition to find out why they are opposed to this.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to close the public hearing at 9:28 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

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Supervisor Crane read the resolution.

### **RESOLUTION 2013 #76**

RE: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

On a motion of Supervisor Sue Crane seconded by Councilwoman Brenda Cagle moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Crane told the Board that there is a file with correspondence for their review.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Councilman O'Neill followed up on what was said in the public hearing. The Town Board acknowledges where the money comes from for the PDR's. He thanked everyone involved in the process. We applaud everyone who helps. He acknowledged the late Woody Klose who represented the Town in the County Legislature. Woody helped create the original farmland protection plan.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	Crane, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Cagle
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk