

## RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 23, 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.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

*Rosemarie Zengen* presented a petition against the proposed sidewalks. She asked Councilman Ross to read a letter dated September 12, 2013 from the Save Our Town Committee.

Councilman Ross read the letter addressed to the Town Board which suggested other things the grant money could be used for.

*Rosemarie Zengen* surveyed the businesses on Route 9 and the majority of the landowners are against the proposal. Our infrastructure has other problems and the money could be used to correct those other problems. The proposed sidewalks are unnecessary. The Red Hook United Methodist Church has a food pantry and she suggested the grant money go to them. She read the letter from the church. Their food pantry provides food to over 300 people. They receive grant money but this year the food supply as diminished and more people are being fed. By January 2014 they expect to have difficulty paying food bills. Mrs. Zengen reminded the Board that grants are not free, they come from taxpayers. From December through March hardly anyone walks down that street. Even if the Town maintained the sidewalks the tax payers will pay for that and if the Town doesn't maintain them the property owners would have to and they don't have the money to maintain them for a small amount of people walking.

*Mr. Howland* doesn't see the necessity for sidewalks and agrees with Mrs. Zengen.

Supervisor Crane asked for comments from the Board members.

Councilman Ross commented that we don't know if we will get the grant but it is something we should look at very closely if we do receive it. By the signatures on the petition it looks like a good contingent of property owners who don't want the sidewalk on the east side of Broadway. We have to listen to the citizens and look at it from both sides.

Councilwoman Cagle pointed out that we have two grant applications that have been submitted for sidewalks. Neither could have been used for feeding the hungry, not that she doesn't agree that is more important, but those monies are not earmarked for that. We took advantage of applying for a purpose we thought was a good project especially since we are in the process of getting plans for developments that coincide with our new traditional neighborhood district zoned in that area of town. There will be more commercial businesses. The first application submitted to the state we did have a petition signed in favor of the sidewalks, a lot of them seniors. That is why we thought it is important. There are developments on the east side and she is sure those folks would love to walk to Holy Cow, the bank or to Hardscrabble.

Councilman Colgan knows there is some opposition to the sidewalk. Over the years he's been on the Board many seniors living in this area asked for sidewalks and crosswalks, all related to safety and easier access for them to get to commercial areas. It is an inevitable need and there is an opportunity to get financing at this point. He sees it as a benefit for the citizens who live in this area. Sidewalks on both sides of Route 9 are past due. It is a safety issue.

Councilman O'Neill had no comment.

Supervisor Crane thanked Rosemarie Zengen for the letter regarding the United Methodist Church. They do fantastic work. Councilwoman Cagle is right; the funding cannot be used for that purpose. The applications have been submitted. The Trails and Greenway committees believe this is part of the mission of the Town to make sure there are walkable areas that allow for exercise, healthy living and safety. The State engineers recognize it as a dangerous area and have counseled us to address having sidewalks. The County DPW also counseled us to address it. We have no idea whether or not we will receive the funding. She will support the sidewalks if we do receive funding.

Supervisor Crane introduced Senator Terry Gipson who asked to speak to the Town Board. Senator Gipson thanked the Board for having him. He knows how difficult it is to work for Town government. He is the ranking member on the Senate's Local Government Committee. Having served locally himself he is making an effort to see the Boards in the municipalities in his district. They are conducting a local government tour right now and he is trying to introduce himself and inform local governments what they are working on. He gave an overview of his proposals then for any comments.

Supervisor Crane shared a concern she has regarding CHIPS money and Town roads. She pointed out an area of Route 199 coming off the Taconic Parkway which is in terrible shape. Councilman Colgan commented that Route 9G from Tivoli to Rte.199 has been patched every summer. By winter it is broken apart again. He suggested fixing it once and for all.

Senator Gipson said that Milan brought up the same issue. He will get back with the details. Supervisor Crane asked if there were any more questions for Senator Gipson. She introduced Dutchess County Legislator Ben Traudt.

Legislator Traudt gave an update on what the legislature is doing. They are in the middle of budget development. The Executive is slated to release his tentative budget by November 1. On November 7 there will be a regular legislative committee meeting and the first public hearing on the County Executives budget. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and input is welcome from the Board.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Crane announced the following:

- On November 11 there will be a Veteran's Day ceremony at Memorial Park at 7:00 p.m.
- Ruth Oja was honored as Rotary Citizen of the year.

Councilwoman Cagle announced that the polling sites changed in the Town. Look for your voting district on the yellow card mailed from the Board of Elections. No voting in the Town Hall and poles are open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### **TOWN ROAD SPEED LIMITS**

Supervisor Crane said this is a result of a number of concerns and investigations on the part of our Highway Superintendent. She read the resolution.

Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke and the Board discussed some portions of the resolution.

### **RESOLUTION 2013 #77**

RE: REQUESTING MODIFICATION OF SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN TOWN ROADS AND REQUESTING REVIEW OF SPEED LIMIT ON EAST KERLEY CORNERS ROAD

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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### **UPDATED RULES & REGULATIONS – WATER DISTRICT NO. 1**

Supervisor Crane referred to consideration of updated regulations for Water District No. 1. She asked if the Board read the correspondence from Water Dept. Secretary Carole Little regarding the modification of the regulations of service line materials.

Attorney Chale explained the water district's regulation regarding plastic pipe for service lines. The Board discussed the differences in the regulations.

Councilwoman Cagle called DC Water and Wastewater to be certain we were on the right track and it was suggested that we require the installer to provide manufacturers material certification. He told her that is the best protection you can get. It was also suggested that ASTM standards and specs for the materials be included.

Councilman Colgan explained that a member of the Water Board wrote the rule. He works as a professional at DC Water & Wastewater. There is always an element of debate in an issue like this.

Councilman Ross thinks the resolution with the new regulations sounds fine.

Attorney Chale read the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2013 #78**

RE: APPROVING AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS OF TOWN OF RED HOOK WATER DISTRICT NO. 1

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan 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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**BOARD REPORTS**

ZBA – The ZBA denied an area variance after two public hearings; granted a variance for sheds on a piece of property.

Planning Board – There is a minor site plan review for a brewery on Migliorelli Farm in an existing Ag. storage building. They are also looking at redevelopment of the NAPA building and the old Apple A Day Diner. There is a vacancy on the Planning Board due to a resignation.

Tree Committee – The number of visitors to their booth on Hardscrabble Day was down so they are considering a new location. Trees from Schichtel’s are being delivered on October 30. A tree will be dedicated in honor of former Highway Superintendent George Hildenbrand. Plans are in the works to move the two blue spruce trees from the Town Hall lawn. The forestry management plan continues to be fine tuned.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Budget Officer – Busy working budget and are on target.

Building Inspector – For the period September 23 – October 23 there were 23 permits, 26 inspections, 18 certificates, 4 complaints, total fees collected - \$2570.00

Red Hook Village Police – The September report showed 77 total incidents, 6 arrests and 32 tickets issued.

Dutchess County Sheriff – The September report showed a total of 81 incidents.

Purchasing – During the period July 10 – October 2013 there were 79 purchase orders issued, the largest to Callanan Industries for blacktop used on Oriole Mills Rd. Demolition of the Quonset garage is scheduled to begin October 24.

Water Department – The September report showed the well levels are higher than normal, monthly items are in the normal range. Projects include meters and hydrant flushing.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CAC – Continues to champion the EnergizeNY program. 10% Challenge lawn signs are still available. Priority pedestrian and bike project recommendations have been submitted regarding our participation on the County Bike/Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Viable locations for bus shelters are being investigated and two shelters have been donated by the County. Three members took SEQRA training, one member will attend the final DC Planning training opportunity, and Bard College donated inside recycling cans to the CAC and Chamber of Commerce. Each member is making a one minute Green Spot commercial about a sustainability issue to be aired on PANDA.

EDC – Met that day and discussed how to enrich, enlarge and add energy to the business sector of the Town and the Village.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Continued discussion with Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke regarding the TND in the Hoffman project along Old Farm Road. The Task Force met with the Town Historian J. Winthrop Aldrich to continue discussion of the proposed zoning amendments for the Historic Landmark District.

Recreation Commission – Activities are winding down and maintenance is ongoing. DC DPW completed the removal of trees and debris from the Sawkill Creek.

Senior Services Committee – A free presentation regarding Safety for Senior Citizens in the Community will be given by the DC Sheriff’s Office on November 16.

Trails Committee – Their budget was discussed at the last meeting.

ZRC – will meet in November.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into attorney/client session at 8:55 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to adjourn attorney/client session at 9:45 p.m.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk