

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2014

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
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Linda Keeling asked about the status regarding her question of a filming permit. She was told the ZRC was going to review it.

Councilman O'Neill told her that the ZRC did in fact consider it and voted to take no action because there was not a basis for creating new laws governing filming.

Supervisor Crane offered to speak with Mrs. Keeling about the issue.

AGREEMENT TO EXPEND HIGHWAY FUNDS

Supervisor Crane read the agreement sent to her by Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke regarding funds to be used on Town roads. All of the Board members signed the agreement.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE TOWN EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE PLAN 2014

Supervisor Crane read the resolution regarding employee health care for 2014.

RESOLUTION 2014 #3

RE: APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM MARSHALL & STERLING
INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FOR THE YEAR 2014

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

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

Copy attached

BOARD REPORTS

Planning – Opened a public hearing on an application for the Preserve at Lakeskill which remains open; also reviewing a major subdivision plan for Anderson Commons. Bard College did a pre-application process for a green infrastructure project at the Olin parking lot.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control – The 2013 annual report was presented. Report on file with the Town Clerk.

Assessor - A new member has been designated for the Board of Assessment Review.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to appoint Jay Greenblatt to the Board of Assessment Review effective immediately.

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

Building Inspector – For the period 12/23/13 – 1/22/14 there were 33 inspection reports; 14 permits; 33 inspections; 10 certificates issued; 4 complaints; \$1,525.00 total fees collected.

Grant – CDBG for sidewalks on the east side of Route 9 was not successful.

Police – The Village of Red Hook police reported 68 total incidents, 7 arrests, 23 total tickets issued for the month of December.

Purchasing – During the period December 10, 2013 – January 21, 2014, 41 purchase orders were issued. An RFP for Highway Shared Services Consultant was issued. Interviews are scheduled

for January 29. There was a review of the Town Hall's heating systems by DC head of HVAC services for all County buildings, expecting memo shortly.

Water Department – Less water pumped in December, wells are higher than normal level. Monthly items are normal, filters are running satisfactorily. Plans for 2014: replace old main piping inside pump house, valves, clear around fences at pump house and tank, clear easement from Albie Rd. to Thayer Lane, repair water tank fencing, clear meter pits, and water meter replacement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAC – The Consolidated Funding application has been submitted and approved by NYSERDA. We should receive the funds (\$2500) soon. An electronic waste collection was held and 32 pallets of e-waste were collected and will be recycled through Maven Technologies. A possible compost collection program is in discussion with Rhinebeck CAB and Red Hook EDC.

Design Review/Hamlet Committee – Geoff Carter is interested in filling the vacancy.

Disaster Preparedness Committee – Chair Vincent Coluccio is ready to get going. He and Supervisor Crane will meet to exchange ideas and develop plans for that committee.

EDC – The CAC made a presentation to them about recycling organic waste. They are anxious to move forward with making things happen and moving our economy forward.

ITF – They continue to review the proposed Historic Preservation Zoning. They are working on a new draft of the Traditional Neighborhood District street standards. One member, Tim Lynch is going to stand down due to conflict of interest.

The Town Board took a break from reports to go to presentations.

DUTCHESS COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY – LIZ SPIRA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Supervisor Crane introduced Liz Spira, Executive Director of DC Community Action. Liz Spira gave an informative presentation regarding the many programs they provide in our community. She distributed packets of information. Their contact information is: 452-5104, Ext. 123. The local Red Hook number is 876-1611. 86 households in Red Hook access services at the Red Hook branch of Community Action. There has been a 50% increase in services.

FORESTRY MANAGEMENT PLAN – NANCY GUSKI

Tree Committee Chair Nancy Guski presented the finished plan. She gave the history of the committee and thanked everyone for their help. Ted Saad was especially helpful with the booklet. Nancy read the introduction to the Forestry Guide. A goal is to raise awareness about trees. A tree inventory of street trees and park trees was done, but did not include the Village of Red Hook or the Village of Tivoli.

Councilwoman Cagle said the Tree Committee is an exemplary committee and thanked them for their work.

Chair Nancy Guski thanked Councilwoman Cagle for all of the work she provided the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – Continued

Recreation Commission – They are putting together plans for maintenance, staffing and programs. There are a lot of people with great ideas for the Summer Recreation program.

St. Margaret's Committee – There is going to be a story on St. Margaret's in the Observer this spring. They are working on questions for a telephone survey for input from the public. The two new members were at the last meeting. The Poughkeepsie Institute of Paranormal Studies wants to a paranormal study. They've done them at other historic sites. It would be free of charge and before done, it would be brought to the Board and explained. The committee will participate in the Arbor Day and Hardscrabble events.

Senior Services Committee – Changed their meeting dates to the first Wednesday of the month at 9:15 a.m. They discussed the Aging in Place Program which is about helping senior citizens stay in their homes. They'll also do another food drive.

Sister Cities Working Group – Will meet the third Tuesday of every month. They are pursuing relationships and communications through the library and the RHCSO Global Studies classes with two towns, one in Palestine and one in Israel. Bard College students are engaged in studying what is going on there. Promoting communication among us is their goal.

Trails Committee – Supplies for the Aspinwall access trail to the new recreation park were purchased. They asked if they can proceed. They've gotten Army Corps of Engineers approval and want to know about the SEQRA.

Supervisor Crane thinks they are safe to move forward but she wants to check into it before they start work.

One member has agreed to foster work on enhancing the trail that goes from Tivoli Bays to the Fischer Center at Bard College. Rich Schiafo is going to try to move that project forward.

ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Councilwoman Cagle thanked everybody for their participation in the E-Waste day. Originally they thought they would fill 16 pallets, but they ended up filling 32. She thanked Highway Superintendent Burke for driving to some homes to pick up televisions. Five Bard College students helped, Ed Blundell coordinated the Village of Red Hook's efforts and she also thanked Laurie Husted for her participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

Linda Keeling asked if the trail to the new recreation park will be handicapped accessible. She feels the one at the present recreation park is not. They should be built above the wetland area and made of wood. It will save money in the long run if done properly.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Horst, Deputy Town Clerk