

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 23, 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
Town Clerk Sue McCann
Attorney for the Town Christine Chale
Absent: Councilwoman Brenda Cagle

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- Arbor Day is April 26 - Tree dedication at the Rec. Park for Johanna Moore at 10:00 a.m.
- May 6 is the DC Supervisors and Mayors dinner at Copperfield's. The proposal from Governor Cuomo and how it will affect municipalities will be discussed.
- May 17, Girl Scout Troop 10210 proclamation to make the day Green Hook
- May 18, Tour de Red Hook, 1 – 3 p.m.
- June 25 at noon, Senior Picnic at DC Fairgrounds
- April 27, RH Fire Company is holding a recruitment open house from 1 – 5 p.m.
- May 1, NYS Public Service public hearings in LaGrange at 7 p.m. Hearings begin at 4 p.m.
- The Mill Road bridge has been repaired.

Supervisor Crane asked Councilman Ross to conduct the night's meeting.

ABSTRACTS

Town Clerk Sue McCann presented the vouchers for February and March. February vouchers numbered 17243 – 17256, total abstract - \$2,258.13. March vouchers numbered 17257 – 17473, total abstract - \$784,023.02

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Councilman Ross opened for public comments. There were none.

TAP – Transportation Alternatives Program

Supervisor Crane explained that Councilwoman Cagle and volunteers are working on presenting an application by May 7 for a pre-review to DC Planning Regional DOT grant application. She explained the criteria and suggested inviting the landowners to talk about their concerns regarding the sidewalks. It might be beneficial to have an open discussion before the application is submitted. The grant is a minimum of \$250,000 and there is a 20% match.

Councilman Ross asked about the portion that lies in the Village.

Supervisor Crane explained that they would jointly apply with the Town.

BOARD REPORTS

Planning – discussed Bard College project to improve storm water management. Pre-application regarding property at 235 Lasher Road.

ZBA – heard appeal regarding application to increase the maximum number of children enrolled on a regular basis at a day care center. Funshine Nursery School wants to purchase the Half Pint Day Care Center on Rockefeller Lane. Public Hearing scheduled for May 14 at 7:05 p.m.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control –6 dogs at large, 3 unfounded. Dog owners were educated on licensing their dogs and on the noise ordinance. There was one dog bite put on record and four wildlife calls.

Assessor's Report – 2014 tentative roll is being processed and change notices are being mailed next week. The roll will be published on May 1. Exemptions have been processed. There were 560 Enhanced STAR and 1771 Basic STAR exemptions.

Budget Officer – The departments with Capital Expenditure requests continue to work on updating their five year plan. It will be distributed upon completion.

Building Inspector – for the period March 24 – April 22, 2014 there were: 16 open permits; 14 inspections; 6 certificates issued; \$1,570.00 total fees collected

Community Development Block Grant – came out today with the scope for the year ahead.

Highway Department – plows have been removed from the trucks. They cleaned the garage to remove salt and a dedication ceremony in honor of George Hildenbrand will take place on April 25. A Snowdrift Crabapple tree has been planted in his honor.

Police Report – The report dated March 2014 showed 88 total incidents; 9 arrests; 35 tickets issued.

Water Department – The March 2014 monthly report showed that regular monthly items are reported as normal. All filters were replaced in January. There were dirty water calls, and are three outstanding work orders for stuck meters. Plans for 2014 were reviewed and full hydrant flushing is scheduled for May 13 & 14.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Senior Services Committee – they have been analyzing the development of “Aging in Place” groupings. At their 4/2/14 meeting Margaret Heshner, Chair of SSIP-Taconic (Settled and Serving in Place) represented the focus of their group. Janice Saggese, President of the Red Hook Seniors attended the last meeting and discussed the focus of the group. It was ascertained that the Red Hook Seniors have been providing the majority of services and benefits that an aging in place group provides its members. It was decided that the Red Hook Seniors program should promote their program offerings and develop a list of contractors who can be recommended to the membership based on the need of service. On June 3rd, there will be a food drive at the Firehouse from 1 – 3 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m. A Senior Citizens Spring Social will take place on May 12 at the Red Hook High School.

Tree Committee – The committee is busy putting the finishing touches on the Arbor Day plans taking place on April 26. Two trees will be dedicated, one to retired Highway Superintendent George Hildenbrand and one for Johanna Moore for her years of service to children at the recreation park. Chair, Nancy Guski explained the Tree program with the elementary school. 500 Arbor Day posters from Mill Road School were judged; posters will be displayed at Town Hall. Eleanor Friery will conduct lessons about trees with 3rd graders and there will be tree seedlings planted with the first grades. Plans for Arbor Day were listed. We also received the Growth Award for Tree City, USA. Of the 41 towns and cities in region 3 we were one of five who earned the Growth Award. She thanked all involved for their help.

Ag. & Open Space Committee – there was a joint meeting with the ZRC. It was very successful and discussion regarding the concept of agriculture fencing took place. They'd like agricultural fencing to be exempt from zoning regulations. The ZRC asked the Ag. & O.S. Committee to prepare language for them to consider. They are all in agreement that something has to be done.

Design Review Committee – Chair Chris Gilbert explained how their mission might fold into the hamlets and the historic district. His input was very useful.

Disaster Preparedness Committee – their main topic of discussion was enabling emergency response personnel and press reporters to readily identify Town Officials who show up at an emergency event and who have legitimate reason for doing so. Photo ID's can be issued to those who complete FEMA training as required by law.

EDC – Discussing a website for promoting tourism. Ron Hicks from the County discussed services available at the County level.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Continued review of concepts of structures as contained in the proposed local law to regulate designated historic structures. They met with Chair of the Design Review/Hamlet Committee, Chris Gilbert, and reviewed historic structure resolutions. He gave a very favorable response. Designated structures would be identified throughout the Town.

Recreation Commission – Looking for a new Director of the Summer Recreation program. There will be a tree dedication ceremony in honor of Johanna Moore at 10 a.m. at the recreation park. The annual fishing contest was a success. They are preparing for use of the park. Supervisor Crane informed the Board that there is a vacancy on the Senior Services Committee. A local resident, Marge Roberts, spoke with Committee Chair Andrew Kehr, who is interested in having her serve on the committee to fill the unexpired term.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Marge Roberts to the Senior Services Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

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

Councilman O'Neill said that Design Review/Hamlet Committee Chair Chris Gilbert asked that Tiffany Nogales be appointed to that committee to fill their vacancy.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Supervisor Crane moved to appoint Tiffany Nogales to the Design Review/Hamlet Committee for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

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

Sister Cities Committee – Committee member Jen Huber's 9th grade class is doing work to send abroad with a Bard student to a small village (Kfar Tavor) in Israel who is going to join the sister city group. Through a sponsorship with Bard College, students have been to Israel and Palestine.

Trails Committee – They are working on the recreation park trail extension at the new recreation park and working on a grant application.

CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Crane received a letter from the President of the Fairways Homeowners Association asking if the Town would be interested in acquiring and managing the day to day operations of the wastewater system at the Fairways. The Town has the right of first refusal or option to take over. They also asked if anything could be done to reduce the speed limit. Supervisor Crane asked Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke to look into it. Finally, they are also concerned about establishing a lighting district for the Fairways. Lighting on Fairway and Tee Lanes would be added to the tax bills of the residents. They'd like the Town to consider it. It will be turned over to the Attorney for the Town and put on the May 13 agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Councilman Ross opened for public comments. There were none

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Ross moved to go to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters regarding hiring and or firing of a particular persons or person and Attorney/Client for contractual discussion.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Ross moved to close Executive Session/Attorney/Client session.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Ross moved to establish a position, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, not to exceed 17 ½ hours a week ASAP at salary range beginning at \$18 - \$21 depending on qualifications, at the discretion of the Supervisor.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk