

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 28, 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 William O'Neill
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilwoman Brenda Cagle
Deputy Town Clerk Claire Horst

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 made the following announcements:

- Food Drive sponsored by the Senior Services Committee at the Fire House on June 17, from 1 – 3 p.m. and 6– 8 p.m. Non-perishable food items only.
- Met with NYSDOT regarding the restriction of a highway that affects some of our residents. They brought to our attention that they will be resurfacing about 6½ miles of Route 199.
- She and Mayor Blundell met with the NYSDOT regarding bridge replacement on Route 199 next year. There will be a detour for about 90 days. Depends on funding availability.
- She and Councilwoman Cagle will attend NY Solar Summit on June 3 at John Jay College
- Councilwoman Cagle announced the Household Hazardous Waste Day on June 7 in Rhinebeck at their Highway Garage. Pre-registration required.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DC Legislator Micki Strawinski gave an update on County business. It included information about her participation in clean-up day, hosting a Town Hall meeting addressing opiate use, gave Dept. Of Mental Health contact information (text to 741741 DMH to connect), resolutions sponsored that were not included on the County's agenda (i.e. banning fracking brine on roads, pesticide notice to neighbors, County buildings possibly suitable for solar and a ban or fee on plastic shopping bags). Several bonds have been on the County agenda which were approved amounting to approx. \$24 million. She also explained her "no" vote on issues.

Councilman Colgan asked her about the antidote for drug overdose.

DC Legislator Strawinski told him that law enforcement is getting training in that.

WATER DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Water Department Chair Henry Van Parys presented the report to the Town Board. It included information about their organization, their Board, gave highlights of 2013, and plans and goals for 2014. He gave a financial comparative overview for the years spanning 2009 – 2013 as well as a comparative operations summary for the same period. Hank gave clarification of their DEC permit which allows up to five "out of district" customers. This is not a problem for the water district. Their primary focus for the future is whether or not they should repair or replace the water storage tank. Presently there are 484 connections.

Supervisor Crane asked about the bill to pump ratio in the report between 2009 and 2013.

Hank explained some issues that could have caused that. It could possibly be due to hydrant flushing, and temporary supply to Bard College.

Councilwoman Cagle asked if they do trending.

Hank told her they did not. There are no quality problems, there is nothing to trend.

Councilwoman Cagle asked about proposed sidewalks and his thoughts on water mains.

Hank explained that ideally water mains would be installed before sidewalks go in. He also referred to main size, 4 inch vs. 6 inch.

Supervisor Crane thanked Mr. VanParys.

SIDEWALK PROJECT PUBLIC INFORMATION

Supervisor Crane explained that this was put on the agenda in hopes of answering any questions. Notice of the meeting was given to adjacent property owners to the proposed sidewalks. She asked if anyone had any comments regarding the proposed sidewalks.

Linda Coon spoke on behalf of herself and her husband Glen Coon in favor of the proposed sidewalk. They are 100% for it and want Red Hook to be a walking Town and Village.

Councilman Ross was asked to read a letter from resident Rosemarie Zengen, on behalf of the Save Our Town Committee, also signed by Kathleen Douris, Ralph Frisenda, Ann Fried, Thomas Mollica and Michael Brown. They do not agree with plans for the proposed sidewalk.

Councilwoman Cagle, who is working on the grant application, explained the plans for the sidewalk. Focus is on safety for pedestrians. They are promoting a walkable, bikeable community. This is a missing link in that plan. They are proposing completion of the west side across from Town Hall as well as two crosswalks with flashing beacons. To make our community more walkable and safer, and to promote economic synergistic relationship with the Village, these are the reasons they think the sidewalk is a good idea. There is a petition with many signatures in favor of the sidewalk as well as letters of support.

Linda Keeling asked if there will be bike stripes.

Councilwoman Cagle said not as part of this grant. It was suggested that they stay with one focus which is pedestrians. Hopes are to extend this to Hannaford eventually. Right now the project goes to Hardscrabble.

Supervisor Crane is amazed at the numbers of people who walk from Red Hook Commons to Holy Cow. She thanked all of those involved in working on the grant.

Councilwoman Cagle said the application is due June 11 and they hope to hear in early Fall.

RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE AUDIT OF TOWN OF RED HOOK JUSTICE COURT

Supervisor Crane explained that every year the Town Justices are audited. This is the resolution acknowledging that it was done. She read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2014 #10

RE: TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE REQUIRED AUDIT OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK JUSTICE COURT WAS CONDUCTED

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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BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT TO DEAN KENT FROM ESTATE OF FELLER

Supervisor Crane explained the lot line adjustment from the Feller Farm estate to Dean Kent. Since the Board has reviewed the issue, she will sign a letter acknowledging receipt of it and that they have no objections.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2015 APPLICATION DISCUSSION

Supervisor Crane explained funding from the federal government for certain areas in need throughout the country. In the case of Dutchess County, they are the agency that determines through applications from municipalities, the worthiness of the applications and whether or not they meet the federal guidelines for addressing some of the needs in those areas. There is a 5 year priority plan that goes to 2017. Those priorities include handicapped accessibility. The grant is often used for municipal need if it qualifies and is a priority. It is a highly competitive grant and it helps communities afford things like handicapped sidewalks and parking. On our Town campus it is important to have better designated handicapped parking spaces with sidewalks that are out of the traffic pattern. We are looking at designs for this parking lot to make it safer for everyone who comes here. The application will come out in July and is due back to County Planning in October.

BOARD REPORTS

ZBA – There was a public hearing regarding the purchase of Half Pint Day Care by David Triebel for Funshine Nursery School. Two neighbors are opposed to the purchase. Another application for a variance was withdrawn.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Animal Control – During the month of April there were 9 dogs at large, one barking dog, 2 wild life calls.

Assessor – The 2014 Tentative Assessment roll was published May 1, conducted “Open Book” hours, met informally with taxpayers before grievance day, attended BAR meeting, and they are currently processing 48 grievances and corrections for the 2014 assessment roll.

Business Manager – The Business Manager will retire but will stay part time to train someone.

Building Inspector – For the period April 21 – May 28, 2014 there were 34 permits, 38 inspections, \$3,091.00 total fees collected, 19 certificates issued and 6 complaints.

Police – The DC Sheriff’s report for April showed 68 total incidents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ag. & Open Space Committee – Co-Chair Peter Hubbell said they met last night and discussed the agricultural fencing issue. They want to re-write the code regarding the fencing and will send it to the ZRC. He read the proposed changes. It will go before the Town Board if the ZRC approves. There is a parcel off Steamboat Lane being sold and the committee suggested the Town acquire that parcel for river access. A joint meeting of the A&OS and ZRC is scheduled for June 12 at 7 p.m.

CAC – Chair Laurie Husted explained Climate Smart Month activities. To date, they’ve addressed 8 out of 10 elements.

Disaster Preparedness Committee – They were invited by DC Emergency Response Center for a meeting today at 4 p.m. Several members were attending. Concerns about disasters were discussed as well as communication among neighboring towns.

Intermunicipal Task Force – Reviewed memos regarding the proposed historic preservation zoning draft, discussed draft of recommended road widths for the TND, discussed the reexamination of the Town of Red Hook Highway Specs., and discussed an amendment to the Town Highway Specs.

Recreation Commission – The new recreation brochures are out and also online. Sign-ups are June 7 and June 14 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Town Hall. Some changes were made to the program, one to the tennis program, called Quick Start. It is geared towards younger children. The pool personnel will run the pool parties this year, and cross country was eliminated. Courtney Carroll has been hired as new Summer Recreation Director, and physical activities are being stressed. Updates were given on the park, transplanted trees at the Rec. Park, snack bar and restroom issues as well as repairs and field preparations.

St. Margaret’s Committee – There was a nice article in the local newspaper, a paranormal group did a study on April 26, there were some donations, and they discussed their phone survey.

Tree Commission – The Arbor Day celebration was successful, they had two tree dedications, trees were planted, there were 20 Arbor Day poster winners, lessons about trees were conducted, 80 seedlings were distributed, working on adjustments on their Forestry Management Plan, attended a Releaf meeting, will hold tree identification lessons at Mill Road School.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

DC Legislator Micki Strawinski explained her no vote regarding the demolition of the poor house in Millbrook, aka the Infirmary. She also said she supports the proposed sidewalk along Route 9. She offered any help, as County Legislator.

Linda Keeling asked CAC Chair Laurie Husted about the Hook Trail to connect the two Villages.

Laurie Husted explained.

Linda Keeling commented on how Red Hook is looking more beautiful all the time.

Supervisor Crane thanked the wonderful volunteers in the community for that.

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to go into Executive Session/Attorney Client session at 9:09 p.m.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilwoman O’Neill moved to adjourn Executive/Attorney Client session at 10:12 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 have Supervisor Crane send a letter of limited waiver of right of first refusal regarding the Feller property to Jacques Donovan.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Claire W. Horst, Deputy Town Clerk