

## RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 27, 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  
Town Clerk Sue McCann  
Absent: Councilwoman Brenda Cagle  
Also Present: Christine Chale, Attorney for the Town

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Crane made the following announcements:

- Primary Day is September 9 so the Town Board meeting is move to Monday, 9/8/14
- Hardscrabble Day and Parade will be September 20. Parade kicks off at 4:30 p.m.
- Hudson River Estuary Program kicked off. Red Hook has been selected as a model program.
- There is a movement to study the Route 9G corridor to remedy traffic situations

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments.

*Linda Keeling* referred to a letter she sent regarding the ADA and "Wetlands Walk" at the recreation park. She feels it is not in compliance with the law and suggested the Greenway Grant go towards the walkway. She also referred to Hardscrabble Day. If they ask for a donation she opposes it because they haven't been in compliance with ADA.

Supervisor Crane thanked her for her commitment to the ADA. The Town is doing the best we can to be in compliance. As far as not supporting Hardscrabble, she would not be in favor of denying support because so many people support the Town and Village and enjoy that day.

Councilman Colgan introduced Tangent Theater from Tivoli which is a not for profit. Michael and Andrea Rhodes, owners, are looking for a sponsor in order to apply for a grant.

Andrea and Michael gave an overview of their activities. They've received two grants from the Dutchess County Arts Council and want to apply again. A new sponsor is required this year so they are asking the Town to sponsor them for their \$2,000 application. It would not cost the Town, and the deadline is November 13. November 6 – 9, 2014 will be a "new works" festival.

On a motion of Councilman Colgan seconded by Councilman Ross moved to give the Tangent Theater Company our support for the DC Council of the Arts grant in an amount to be determined.

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

There were no further comments.

### TRAILS GRANT RESOLUTION

Supervisor Crane referred to a grant resolution that was voted on at the last meeting. She introduced Sarah Imboden from the CAC who was in attendance to give background information on the grant. The purpose is for planning for town wide trails. Application is due September 5, 2014. She reviewed the resolution dated August 12, 2014.

Supervisor Crane explained that the Board approved the resolution at the August 12 meeting. Sarah wanted to make sure to thank the members of the Trails Committee for their work.

### RECYCLING CENTER DISCUSSION – GOODS EXCHANGE

Supervisor Crane explained the Goods Exchange at the Recycling Center. What's happened is that it is becoming a depository for junk. Recycling Manager TJ Hackett informed her of what has been going on at the Goods Exchange. He explained that it is costing the Town a fair amount of money because they have to dispose of it. He suggested a period of time where we

can accept toys, and not accept them all year long. Toys are the biggest problem. The purpose of the Goods Exchange is for good items. She asked for the Board's opinion. Councilman Ross suggested placing a sign telling residents what is acceptable. Sarah Imboden said the CAC has discussed this issue. A sign would be a good idea and they've discussed having a volunteer sitting at a table watching the area for appropriate donations, and she also suggested creating a list letting people know what is acceptable for recycling and what they can do with other items they don't want. Susan Ellis, CAC, said people would rather see things go to others rather than throw them away. Maybe parts can be used for other items; there are different reasons for what people do.

### **BUDGET DISCUSSION – HEALTHCARE CHOICES**

Supervisor Crane explained that the Board will be wrestling this year with the budget which is very constricting. It might make us consider alternatives we've never had to consider in the past. We have been very careful to protect our fund balance so that we are not in the position of having no savings. Now we are looking at directives from New York State and increases in things like health insurance costs. If municipalities are facing huge healthcare costs, she doesn't know how we can be held to the expectations of services. We are told to hold our increase to 1.5%. How are municipalities to accomplish this? This is not where waste is. She praised the volunteers and employees of our community. The Board will do the best they can.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Crane pointed out correspondence for the Board's review. She asked Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke if she had any information to share. Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke informed the public that the intersection of Williams Road and Starbarrack Road will have two stop signs installed. The school bus stop was discussed with Jeff Popp from RHCSD. A resolution and a public hearing are needed. Paperwork will then be filed with NY State. Supervisor Crane noticed signs coming from the Taconic State Parkway. Bridge work will take place and residents will have to take a detour to get into Red Hook. She also asked the Board to set a date for a public hearing for the CDBG application and suggested September 24, 2014 in order to make the deadline for early October.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Ross moved to set a public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant program application for handicapped accessible features for Town facilities on September 24, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. *Linda Keeling* asked the status of the grant for sidewalks. Supervisor Crane said they are under consideration but we haven't heard anything further. *Linda Keeling* asked Supervisor Crane about the CDBG application for accessibility for Town facilities, and what she meant. Supervisor Crane explained that municipal owned properties can only apply for ADA compliant features for those properties. We are asking to have work done on our Town Hall parking lot to have more handicapped parking and easier access to the building. A feature on the doorway and restrooms are also suggested.

### **ATTORNEY/CLIENT**

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into Attorney/Client session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contracts and some changes dictated by the Civil Service Commission and Dutchess County Personnel.

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 Attorney/Client session at 10:40 p.m.

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 appoint John Kuhn as temporary Purchasing Assistant.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman O'Neill moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk