

**RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**November 18, 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  
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Christine Chale, Attorney for the Town (8:40 p.m.)

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Crane announced the following:

- Linden Avenue Bridge – DCDPW will meet with us in January regarding its replacement. It will be completely replaced and will be impassible for some time.
- Town Hall parking lot is being reconfigured. We will close one entrance. The north end will have both entrance and exit.
- DC Health Dept. announced a rabies clinic at the SPCA from 8 a.m. – Noon on November 22.

**RESOLUTION**

Supervisor Crane read a resolution in honor of the dedication and work of Paul Fredricks. She also read a letter she wrote to him.

**RESOLUTION 2014 #37**

RE: HONORING PAUL FREDRICKS FOR HIS DEDICATION AND WORK IN THE  
TOWN OF RED HOOK

Resolution was signed and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Crane asked the Board if they had any announcements.

Councilman Ross announced that Hudson Valley Cash Coalition tax help for low income families and seniors. Contact Linda Eddy at (845)475-7500, or email her at [leddy@dutchesscap.org](mailto:leddy@dutchesscap.org).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Crane opened for public comments. There were none.

**REPORTS**

Supervisor Crane asked Councilwoman Cagle to discuss the Connectivity Project.

Councilwoman Cagle reported that it is a pilot project for which the Town was selected to work with Cornell University and the Hudson River Estuary Program to assess a model developed by Cornell. She explained the program that helps address habitat connectivity. The last stakeholder meeting is December 3; they've had three so far. After that the Town will receive a conservation plan that has been customized to their needs.

Councilwoman Cagle also clarified the sidewalk grant. The sidewalk will run from Town Hall to Hardscrabble on the east side of South Broadway and will complete a small section on the west side by the laundromat. There was a question about tree removal and she mentioned that in the scope of that grant they included an estimate of 30 new trees, and landscaping in special spots.

**BOARD REPORTS**

ZBA – There were a couple of public hearings, one was continued. Those involved in the continued hearing were asked to try to work it out between them. Norman Greig came in for an appeal for a project on his farm. There is a new ZBA secretary, Anne Rubin.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Assessor – They continue analysis for the 2015 roll. Two data collectors were hired to collect information on commercial properties. Data collection, verification and photography have been completed on 118 commercial properties to date. The information is being processed.

Water Dept. – Chair Henry Van Parys reported the pump failure led to other problems and was more costly than realized. He gave options regarding the pump controls. A well may need rehab. Further tests are needed to determine if the second well would be affected by rehabilitating the first one. They will have to prioritize work for next year.

Tree Committee – Chair Nancy Guski reported that a tree was replaced on Guski Road and a commemorative red oak was planted at St. Margaret's for Paul Fredricks. She referred to a quote "To plant trees is to give body and life to ones dreams for a better world". Paul's dreams have always been for the betterment of Red Hook. It applies to him. A plaque will be placed by the tree. In December they will apply for Tree City status. We've been a Tree City for six years and received the Growth Award twice. There is an open position on the committee. A recent news release confirmed the presence of the Emerald Ash Borer in Broome and Westchester counties. Movement of untreated firewood more than 50 miles is prohibited. If a resident sees symptoms of the e.a.b. please call 866-640-0652.

Building Department – For the period October 13 – November 18 there were 16 permits issued, 35 inspections, total fees collected were \$1,780.00, 24 complaints.

Purchasing – During the period of 10/ 22 – 11/18/2014, 30 PO's were issued, the largest to Colarusso Blacktop of Hudson. It was a public bid item. Conference chairs were installed, fans and controls have been ordered for the highway garage, snow removal low quote was from AW Coon & Sons, and insulation will be installed in the ceilings of the court room and offices.

Police Dept. – The October report showed 56 total incidents, 8 arrests, and 22 tickets issued.

Recycling – There has been dumping again at the recycling center and Manager TJ Hackett is going to ask the Highway Superintendent to borrow cones to block off the center while they are open and the Recycling Center isn't. They are beginning to coordinate another electronic waste collection day on January 17 and will partner with Bard College and both Villages.

Highway Department - Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke read a press release about the Town wide snow ordinance in effect during the winter season. Town law prohibits parking on Town roads from November 15 until April 1 between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

IMTF – Discussed letters of notification to the Town by the DC Water & Wastewater Authority of their intent to provide water supply and wastewater services to the Hoffman Farm project. They also revisited the matter of noise regulations in the RD 1.5 zoning district with respect to noises generated by agricultural activities. Submissions by the architect for the Hoffman Farm project were reviewed. By consensus the Task Force agreed to recommend a zoning change in the TND to raise the minimum standard defining a cottage from 1200 to 1300 square feet to accommodate the request of the developer.

Recreation Commission – The report dated November 10, 2014 gave a list of thing to do before start up next spring. The wetland mitigation of the rec. park extension must be done this fall to avoid going through the arduous permitting process all over again.

Senior Services Committee – The safety presentation last Saturday will appear on PANDA.

Sister Cities – Member Jill Lundquist submitted her resignation from the committee.

Trails Committee – at the last meeting their new member presented a letter to the committee that she wants to distribute in the area of the new recreation park to let neighbors know about the continuing developments there.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Crane read a letter from Jane Ferguson informing the Board that she will step down from the Conservation Advisory Committee at the end of her term, December 2014.

## **APPOINTMENT**

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Sarah Imboden to the Intermunicipal Task Force.

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS – Continued**

ZRC - Had a joint meeting with the Ag. & Open Space Committee and as a result there was language proposed by both committees of a change with respect to the definition of exemptions for agricultural fences in our zoning law. That proposed language was left up to an additional aspect to add language concerning spite fences. Their next meeting is in January. Michael Robertson indicated an interest in joining the ZRC. He would come on as Community-At-Large Member #3.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to appoint Michael Robertson to the ZRC as Community-At-Large member #3 for a term to expire 12/31/15

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Supervisor Crane shared the following correspondence:

- From Dutchess Land Conservancy. They have a stewardship associate who monitors easements we are in partnership with. They monitored Biezynski, Greig, Harrison/Jones, Kalina, Karpinski, Mead Orchard, Migliorelli, Steiner, Sturges, Three Pond, and Trezza Farms all found to be in compliance, requiring no follow up.
- From Bridget Barclay regarding the Rokeby Water System and the Fairways Water System proposed rate schedule and operating budget.
- From Central Hudson regarding decorative attachments to utility poles.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Supervisor Crane opened for comments.

*Linda Keeling* asked if benches will be included along the new sidewalks.

Councilwoman Cagle answered that was not included in this grant. It depends on what a homeowner wants since they would be on private property.

### **EXECUTIVE/ATTORNEY CLIENT SESSION**

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to go into Executive Session/Attorney Client Session at 8:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contracts and hiring or firing of a particular person or persons.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the Executive Session/Attorney Client Session at 10:40 p.m.

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Cagle seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk