

**RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 28, 2015**

A meeting of the Town Board 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: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- VFW #7765 Veterans Day Service on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Red Hook Memorial Park
- Association of Towns Annual conference held in February in NYC. Registration by January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- AARP needs volunteers to assist low income residents with free tax preparation. Call Linda Eddy at 845-475-7500
- Red Hook Senior Services Committee News Winter 2015 is available at the Town Clerk Office and on the Town Web [www.redhook.org](http://www.redhook.org)

Supervisor Crane introduced Jennifer Warburton the Towns' new assessor.

**ASSESSOR REPORT**

Jennifer reported October showed a total of seven sales ranging between \$219,900 and \$575,000. She met with Real Property Services Manager from NYS Tax & Finance. Several approaches in a systematic comparison were reviewed to see the equity in level for the Town. Jennifer continues to update building permits and place value on properties with final CO's. Assessor's 2016 Budget is 11% less than the previous year. She plans on attending a one day training session regarding Condominium Valuation. This is a reimbursable expense through the State. Jennifer is available for questions. Her phone number is 845-758-4604 email is [assessor@redhook.org](mailto:assessor@redhook.org).

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Local Law E (proposed) of 2015 entitled "A Local Law to override the tax levy limit for fiscal year 2016"**

Town Clerk McCann read the public hearing notice. At 7:40 p.m. the Supervisor opened the public hearing.  
No comments

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilwoman Cagle moved to leave the public hearing open until November 5, 2015.

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

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The Board had this (proposed) Local Law prepared in case of a major event but as the budget stands now we are under the tax levy and feel they will not have to use it.

**TRAILS PLANNING GRANT**

Councilwoman Cagle reported they were a little disappointed in the response to the survey, however many stakeholders such as the Village of Red Hook, Village of Tivoli, Bard College, schools, Robert George Design and the CAC submitted their ideas. Councilwoman Cagle presented a draft map with comments about proposed trails. A stakeholders meeting will either be Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>. We are still at the beginning stage. Once the map is updated it will be posted on the Town web.

**RESOLUTION 2015 #50**

RE: AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE FROM THE PARKS FUND OF \$7147 FOR THE PARK EXTENSION PROJECT

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Councilman James Ross moved to appropriate the sum of \$7,147 for the wetland mitigation program.

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

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**ST. MARGARET’S COMMITTEE VISIONING MEETING**

Supervisor Crane cordially invites current members, suggested members and the public to St. Margaret’s Community Visioning meeting to be held at the Red Hook Town Hall November 18, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. We hope to get some ideas on how the building can be utilized. Kari Feuer from Red Hook CAN held a wonderful event this past summer and hoped to use the building again possibly in July of 2016. Kari would like to apply for grant funding. The Town Board felt this was successful this past summer and Supervisor Crane should let Kari know so she can apply for funding.

**BIODIVERSITY GRANT APPLICATION**

Funding is through the Hudson River Estuary Program. Highway Superintendent Burke met with Brandee Nelson of Crawford Associates to discuss studying culvert pipes within the town when they need to be replaced. They are not only looking at the pipe but are looking at the habitat connectivity which will be enhanced as a result of the replacement. The grant application is due November 13<sup>th</sup>. They will not apply during this round and will further study possible needed replacements. Will take a little doing and with help from the CAC will look to develop a plan and apply during the next round.

Councilwoman Cagle received an email from David Matt regarding community solar. Their company is targeting town owned property located near high powered utility lines to either lease or buy. Customers can buy into it and get a credit every month for 25 years. Councilwoman Cagle will contact him with a list of town owned property that might be appropriate. He will use satellite data to let the Board know if any site is appropriate.

**REPORTS**

Planning Board- Councilman Ross reported the Planning Board met twice in October. They review the following projects- A site plan proposal to construct 6000 sq. ft. addition to an existing building in the TND-CC District (Ruge’s Automotive); An application to subdivide a 26.9 acre parcel into two parcels of 3.002 and 15.745 acres; and a lot line alteration to combine remaining 8.25 acres with adjoining lands at 28 Stonybrook Road (Claykill subdivision and lot line alteration); An application to construct a 12 X 20 garden shed/utility/studio on 2.2 acres in the hamlet of Upper Red Hook (Coenen Garden Shed). The Planning Board granted conditional preliminary approval to an application for preliminary subdivision and site plan approval to create 102 residential units on 52 acres in the TND district (Hoffman TND).

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They granted final approval to a Lot line alteration conveying approximately 0.32 acre of land from a parcel located on Freeborn Lane to an adjoining parcel located on W. Kerley (Rosenquist/Pfaff Lot line alteration)

Granted a certificate of appropriateness to replace retaining walls in the hamlet of Barrytown (Suda Retaining Walls)

Zoning Board of Appeals- Councilman Ross reported they met on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - there was a request for an area variance for a 7 ft. fence.

Business Manager- Supervisor Crane reported Town Board Approved Budget adjustments prior to closing Oct. 2015.

General A Fund: Offset to the Fund balance- Appropriate Fund balance \$34,650, Reduce Appropriated Fund balance \$34,650

General B Fund: Increase appropriations \$6,054; Highway DB Fund Increase appropriations \$260; Water Words O & M SW Fund Increase appropriations \$600; Other Funds and Capital Projects Increase appropriations \$29,855

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Colgan move to accept budget adjustments.

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

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Building Inspector- Councilman Ross highlighted the detailed report for the month of October. 35 Permits, 36 Inspections, 25 CO/CC, 3 complaints, 15 searches. Total revenue \$6,121.80.

Red Hook Village Police- Councilman Colgan reported for the month of September there were a total of 110 incidents, 7 arrests and 28 tickets issued.

Highway- Supervisor Crane and Highway Superintendent Burke updated the Board on a Dutchess County Shared Services grant municipal agreement for a mini excavator. The Towns of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Milan and Clinton each would have the excavator for 3 months Town of Clinton is the lead agency.

Water Department- Councilman Ross reported from the Oct. 8 work session. Normal water pumped 77 Kgpd, for September 96 Kgpd. Chlorine and filters are fine. There are 13 outstanding work orders being reviewed and will be taken care of this month. Replace the portion of pipe that goes through the floor and out the water main. Boyd Artesian Wells will do well rehab. Vines cut on the pump house fence and tank fence. Dead end hydrant flushing took place on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>. The turbidity meter needs calibration. Service line leak on North Drive was located and repaired by VRI.

Inter-municipal Task Force- Councilman O'Neill gave his 131<sup>st</sup> report- They prepared for informational meetings scheduled for Oct 21 and Oct 29 to present the proposed Local Law for Historic Preservation. The first was considered a success, presented by Greenplan Inc. with much discussion from those residents attending, approximately 27. The consensus of those attending was to favor the historic preservation law as proposed.

Ag. & Open Space- Councilman O'Neill reported that Nancy Guski, Chair of the Tree Preservation Commission made a presentation regarding spraying of Roundup on a farm field which affected neighbors trees in the area. The DEC is investigating. The proposed Ag. Fence law will possibly be on the November 10 agenda.

Community Preservation Fund- Supervisor Crane, Attorney for the Town Christine Chale and CPF chair Susan Ezrati met to begin the process of updating this plan which expires in May 2016. The map will be updated and may reconsider other priorities.

CAC - Sarah Imboden, CAC member reported that chair Laurie Husted is working on grant solarizing project along with lead agency Northern Dutchess Alliance. The CAC is also in partnership with Bard identifying area's where we can take samples of the Sawkill. This will provide a baseline for future samples.

Tree Preservation Commission- Councilwoman Cagle reported that they participated in the Hardscrabble festivities. Tree information was distributed; tree seedlings prepared by Linda Keeling were available. Member Doug Traudt set up a video demonstration about the flourishing eagle population in this area. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> 70 trees will be delivered for planting this fall. Nancy thanked the new members of the Tree Comm. Hop and Cathy Michael and Doug Traudt for enthusiastic participation. They have brought new ideas and skill to the group. She also thanked Karen Cadorette, Eleanor Friery and Linda Keeling for eight years of outstanding service. Nancy has one more meeting before she resigns.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- Received thank you letter from Ragy Beshay who attended the 2014 DEC camp where he learned how to conserve our natural resources and to protect the environment. They hiked, canoed, fished and went birding. Thanked the CAC, VFW and Masons for allowing him this amazing opportunity.
- Received correspondence from D.C. Sheriff Office pertaining to changes in administrative fees. We have not signed a contract this year, administrative fees are high and the 2016 rate not finalized yet.
- Letter from Central Hudson advising municipalities of regulations for installing decorations on utility poles
- Dutchess Land Conservancy the agency who monitors easements received information from Christopher Klose. The Klose Family Farm would like to build machinery shed (20 ft. X 40 ft. 12ft high) and their tenants Starling Yards LLC want to erect a temporary greenhouse tunnel (30 ft. X 72 ft. 16 ft. high). Vice President of Dutchess Land Conservancy Art Collings sent the

information to Mr. Gibbs at the USDA. As these buildings are within the boundaries of the farmstead complex there were no objections.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Robert McKeon- was encouraged from report that 8 home sales in the last month, more home sales than in 2005 when the market was doing better. When you are redoing plan for the CPF lets keep in mind that it sunsets in 2027.

On a motion of Supervisor Crane seconded by Councilman Colgan move to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the hiring or firing of a particular person or persons.

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

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilwoman Cagle move to adjourn Executive Session.

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

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk