

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

June 9, 2016

A special 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 Robert McKeon
Councilman James Ross
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilman William O'Neill
Councilperson Sarah Imboden
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

Supervisor McKeon called the meeting to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Preservation Fund Project Plan Update

Town Clerk McCann read the public hearing notice. Notices were published in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the Kingston Daily Freeman, on the Town's website and in Town Hall. All interested agencies also received a copy.

Supervisor McKeon opened the public hearing for comments.

Cari Watkins-Bates of Scenic Hudson commended the Town for having this as a resource to conserve open space and farmland. Red Hook continues to be a leader in the Hudson Valley on this issue. She thanked everyone in the Town who worked collectively on this issue.

Art Collings of Dutchess Land Conservancy is very proud to live in Red Hook and appreciates these protection efforts.

Supervisor McKeon explained the charge of the CPF committee and thanked them. There were no more comments.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to close the public hearing.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

PUBLIC HEARING

Purchase of Development Rights for Potts/Stickle Farm under the Town's CPF Program

Town Clerk McCann read the public hearing notice. Notices were published in the Poughkeepsie Journal, Kingston Daily Freeman, on the Town's website and in Town Hall.

Supervisor McKeon opened the public hearing for comments.

Richard Biezynski is glad to hear that this is coming before the Town. It is a very important piece of property because of the wells and the water. The CPF committee is concerned with water and properties that border water. It also falls in line with the W. Kerley Corners property.

It is a very important piece of property.

Cari Watkins-Bates of Scenic Hudson commented that they appreciate this opportunity. She commends the Town for bringing it forward.

Art Collings, Dutchess Land Conservancy and Red Hook resident, commented that this is an important project to build on the protection of farmland. The project also benefits the Village of Tivoli in protecting the water supply.

Supervisor McKeon thanked everyone for their work regarding the project and the residents of the Town who voted on this.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilperson Imboden moved to close the public hearing.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

RESOLUTION APPROVING UPDATE TO COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND PROJECT PLAN

Supervisor McKeon explained that our consultant applied for the Greenway Grant to pay for the update. We asked him to explain the differences between this plan and the previous one. Ted Fink of Greenplan explained that two new areas have been added to the Community Preservation Plan. One being biodiversity and the other included the Towns waterfront district. Rich Biezynski said more properties have been added and water is a large concern. It is the CPF committee’s future goal and they hope to get more properties added in the Villages. Supervisor McKeon brought up corrections to the plan. Attorney Chale agreed with the corrections. Supervisor McKeon shared correspondence dated June 9, 2016 from the CPF Committee recommending adoption of the plan with those corrections. There is a LWRP that was referred to our Planning Board and there is also a Coastal Management Program review and an assessment form. Part 2 was prepared for us.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adopt the LWRP.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Supervisor McKeon referred to Part 2 of the EAF which the Board reviewed. Regarding Part 3, the Board is named as lead agency. Councilman O’Neill read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016 #49

RE: ADOPTING A SEQRA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE REGARDING AN AMENDED COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

On a motion of Councilman William O’Neill seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to adopt the SEQRA determination of non-significance regarding an amended Community Preservation Plan.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Copy attached

Councilman Colgan read the resolution approving Local Law G (proposed).

RESOLUTION 2016 #50

RE: APPROVING LOCAL LAW G (PROPOSED) OF 2016 REGARDING AN AMENDED COMMUNITY PRESERVATION PLAN

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan seconded by Councilman James Ross moved to approve the resolution now referred to as Local Law No. 4 of 2016

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Copy attached

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$111,170.00 FROM THE CPF FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (POTTS/STICKLE FARM)

Supervisor McKeon noted that this was referred to New York State Ag. & Markets since they are an involved agency. They do not object to the Town being lead agency. The Planning Board reviewed it for consistency. The Board reviewed the LWRP consistency form.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman O’Neill moved to approve the findings in the LWRP.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

The Board reviewed Part 2 of the EAF, Part 3 of the EAF and Attorney Chale reviewed the Negative Declaration.
Councilperson Imboden read the resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016 #51

RE: ADOPTING A SEQRA DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE REGARDING PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE POTTS/STICKLE FARM

On a motion of Councilperson Sarah Imboden seconded by Councilman William O’Neill moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Copy attached

Councilman Ross read the next resolution.

RESOLUTION 2016 #52

RE: GRANTING APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF MONEYS IN THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS OF THE POTTS/STICKLE FARM

On a motion of Councilman James Ross seconded by Councilperson Sarah Imboden moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Copy attached

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR PARKING LOT PROJECT

Supervisor McKeon explained the problems that were encountered during the project which caused a change order increasing the cost by \$14,401.50. An old foundation and clay were discovered and had to be dealt with.

RESOLUTION 2016 #53

RE: AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

On a motion of Councilman Harry Colgan seconded by Councilman William O’Neill moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Copy attached

Supervisor McKeon drew the Boards attention to the budget adjustments. They went through the May 2016 adjustments in the General A, B, DB funds.

On a motion of Councilman Ross seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the budget adjustments.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O’Neill, Imboden
 Nays 0

Copy Attached

PROPOSAL TO REPLACE TOWN HALL AND HIGHWAY GARAGE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT

Supervisor McKeon explained that Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy and Bookkeeper Ann Conway have been working on replacing telephone equipment. Going from a lease to paying for the equipment over five years will initially result in a \$375 monthly savings. After five years, the savings increases by another \$400 per month. The Town will be going with Frontier after meeting with numerous companies.

Attorney Chale cautioned to look and see if what we had was a tax exempt lease. There is a procedure to follow regarding the financing. She explained the procedure of municipal law. She would like to see the proposal regarding the structure.

Supervisor McKeon explained the new telephone system advantages. He asked if the proposal could be voted on provided it meets our Town Attorney's approval.

The Board discussed the service contract, purchase price, interest, etc. They will send the paperwork back to Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy for a second look.

Supervisor McKeon said the Red Hook Tree Commission wants to work with the DOT doing a planting on the strip by Devereux on Route 9, which is DOT owned. He asked if the Board would have an objection to the planting.

Councilman Ross commented that it is a gateway into the Town and he feels it is a good idea.

Supervisor McKeon said it will be \$900 coming out of their budget. Permits are involved.

It will be brought up at the next Town Board meeting.

Councilman Colgan brought up Ag. & Markets letter regarding fee reimbursement.

Attorney Chale explained that fees cannot be refunded after the fact.

On a motion of Councilman O'Neill seconded by Councilman Ross moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Ross, Colgan, O'Neill, Imboden
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk