

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

October 26, 2016

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 Robert McKeon
Councilman Harry Colgan
Councilperson Sarah Imboden
Town Clerk Sue McCann
- Absent: Councilman James Ross
Councilman William O’Neill
- Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Supervisor McKeon announced the following:
- Chocolate Festival on November 5 in the Village of Red Hook.
- Hudson Valley Cash Coalition is looking for tax preparation volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon opened for comments.
Robert George explained that he is interested in the St. Margaret’s property. He shared documents of his proposed plan. A scale model will be available at his office.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor McKeon explained and read the resolution regarding purchase of an SUV for Highway Department purposes. We will go under State contract to get the best price.

RESOLUTION 2016 #97

RE: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN SUV FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURPOSES

On a motion of Supervisor Robert McKeon seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution as read.

Adopted	Ayes 3	McKeon, Colgan, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 2	Ross, O’Neill
		Copy attached

Supervisor McKeon read the resolution regarding the sale of surplus equipment.

RESOLUTION 2016 #98

RE: AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

On a motion of Supervisor Robert McKeon seconded by Councilman Harry Colgan moved to approve the resolution.

Adopted	Ayes 3	McKeon, Colgan, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 2	Ross, O’Neill
		Copy attached

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGES TO NOVEMBER TOWN BOARD MEETINGS AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Supervisor McKeon recommended changing the Town Board meeting dates due to the election and Thanksgiving. Meetings have been rescheduled for November 15th and November 30th.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to approve the changes in meeting dates for the Town Board meetings to November 15 and November 30.

Adopted	Ayes	3	McKeon, Colgan, Imboden
	Nays	0	
	Absent	2	Ross, O'Neill

Supervisor McKeon advised that on Wednesday, November 23 Town Hall will close at noon for the Thanksgiving holiday. It will reopen on Monday, November 28.

REPORTS

Planning Board – Conducted a workshop meeting on October 3 for a proposal to subdivide three lots on Cedar Drive and Birchwood/Overlook Drive, a site plan application to demolish an existing building and construct a new building at an existing nursery school (Funshine) and a special use permit application to construct an in-ground pool on the flood plain in proximity to the Flood Fringe Overlay District.

ZBA - The October report showed discussion of an application for an area variance to erect a fence, a request from Funshine for 5 setback variances, and application for area variance for Redwing Properties Inc. for an attached garage structure.

Dog Control – The September report (for May – September) showed the following calls: Dangerous dog & related – 14; Loose dog and related – 42; Nuisance dog – 7; Wildlife & cat – 6; Dogs impounded – 2; Dogs reclaimed – 1. A dog bite/ attack occurred on Linden Avenue when two dogs escaped their owner and attacked a senior dog that was in its own yard. The dog required emergency veterinary treatment, and the owner of the two dogs was bitten during the incident. There was a complaint of a dog loose on Moul Drive. The dog is supposed to be rehomed. The SPCA was called regarding the death of a cat on Rokeby Road; the owner stated the neighbor's dog killed it. There was no evidence of that issue.

Building/Zoning – The October report showed 35 permits issued, 29 inspections, 25 CO/CC's issued, and 8 complaints and \$6810.00 in revenue.

Assessor – There were 80 grievances in May which were mostly changes due to increases in assessments made between the 2015 & 2016 assessment roll. They settled 7 small claims and have 8 tax certioraris, 2 of which have been settled. To date they received and computed 64 sales and started the task of collecting data to measure and take photos of new construction which will be updated and new photos identified and downloaded. Their goal is to keep the level of assessment at 100%.

Purchasing – The report dated September 28 – October 26 showed the following activity: 24 purchase orders issued, looking at alternatives for a gate for the entrance to the Town Garage Parking from the Town Hall parking lot, the new telephone system was activated, and they are investigating cleaning up the old records room.

Water Department – Well #2 level measurement is not working and VRI will repair it. All other levels are within normal range, water tests are complete and there are no violations, filters operating satisfactorily, ongoing items are being dealt with, brush hogging work was done, pump house wall replacement was completed, and water tank inspection will be in 2017.

Police Department – The September report showed 106 total incidents, 8 arrests and 38 tickets issued.

CAC – Household Hazardous Waste Day & Electronics recycling for DC residents this Saturday Oct. 29 from 8 am – 1:30 pm on Sand Dock Road in Poughkeepsie, Sawkill Watershed Community Group continues to meet, Town solar power project encountered stumbling blocks with Community Distributed Generation Project, and they are working on becoming a Clean Energy Community to gain access to grant funding for additional clean energy projects. The CAC adopted the Unified Solar Permit and look forward to working with the Town to get LED outdoor lighting and to get three staff members get Energy Code training.

IMTF – Continue to discuss the purpose of and current permitted and special permitted uses in the Waterfront Conservation District, heard a special presentation regarding Solar Photo Voltaic energy systems which use semi-conductor based devices to convert sunlight directly into electricity, and a proposal to amend Town's Zoning Code Section 143 to address this new technology.

Recreation Commission – Park maintenance is ongoing, trenches were dug for PVC conduits for electrical outlets which will be installed on first base dugouts, fields were rebuilt, a dugout roof, shed and snack board storage door will be replaced. Multiple ideas are being discussed including batting cages, ice rink on the roller hockey rink, recycling containers, pickle ball court, and necessary paperwork for summer youth programs grant have been filed with Dutchess County.

Senior Services Committee – Discussed the new Community Center and program ideas which included balance exercise improvement, intergenerational tech assistance program, a game day, movie series and guest speakers on local history, agricultural education health issues and Tai Chi. They also discussed how to coordinate outreach to Red Hook Seniors.

Tree Committee – They thanked Al Trezza for the use of his machinery to prepare for planting on the upper Red Hook strip. 8 trees came in, 2 have been planted so far. Michelle Decker will dig holes on Friday afternoon, and the remaining trees will be planted on Saturday. Cub Scouts will help plant over 100 daffodil bulbs. Lunch will be served at the Town Hall afterward.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Supervisor McKeon said the Town received two Greenway Grants, one for \$10,000 toward road specs and \$20,000 to help design the Village to Village trail system. We also found out that we will have matching State funding to protect the Potts/Stickle Farm. We hope to close on that soon.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilman Colgan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Adopted	Ayes 3	McKeon, Colgan, Imboden
	Nays 0	
	Absent 2	Ross, O'Neill

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk