

Workshop

A workshop of the Red Hook Town Board was held Tuesday October 4, 2005 with the following in attendance:

Supervisor – Marirose Blum Bump
Councilman – James Ross
Councilwoman – Sue Crane
Councilwoman – Jean Bordewich
Town Clerk – Margaret E. Doty

Also present: Deputy Supervisor William O’Neill, Town Attorney Albert Trezza and Bookkeeper Debra Marks

Absent: Councilman Harold Ramsey

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the workshop at 7:30 p.m. and the Town Clerk presented the Tentative Budget to the Town Board.

Supervisor Blum Bump read the Budget Narrative for the Tentative Budget submitted September 30, 2005.

Assistant Budget Officer Debra Marks was present to answer questions the Board may have and did so for a number of questions asked.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we will establish a budget workshop and asked Debra to again be present.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked if anyone had any corrections or additions to the Ethics Law.

Councilman Ross...a few changes in punctuation and spelling. I feel it is all set to go.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she also felt it was ready to be voted on at the Board meeting on October 11, 2005.

Supervisor Blum Bump explained that the Community Block Grant application had to be filed.

The grant we are filing for will be for Town road and Village street connection from Red Hook Estates linking Old Farm Road and Rokeby Gardens. Have been working with Morris Associates on this project and now we have to set a public hearing date on this.

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich that we set the Public hearing date for the Community Block Grant on October 11, 2005 at 7:15 p.m.

Supervisor Blum Bump -	Yes
Councilman Ross -	Yes
Councilwoman Crane -	Yes
Councilwoman Bordewich -	Yes

Planning Board clerk Paula Schoonmaker was present to answer questions on the Planning Board’s new fee schedule.

Paula pointed out that postage should be substantially less if applicants begin paying for their own certified mailing cost. (The Board was in agreement that the applicant should be paying for certified mail. This would apply to any new applicant).

There was also discussion on major subdivisions, minor subdivisions, lot line alterations, site plan review and special permits. The Board agreed that the increase was warranted and will vote on this at our regular board meeting on October 11, 2005.

Supervisor Blum Bump said Assessor Richard Trotti had asked her to sign the contract to have MJW Consulting for the next five years.

Attorney Trezza said you should sign the contract, if you don't than the Town will have to pay MJW \$50,000 as it stipulates in the contract this would be a breach of contract if we failed to hire him.

There was a memo from Business Manager Debra Marks because of the recent increase in gas price she suggests they adjust their mileage reimbursement fee from .40 per mile to .48 per mile for the period October 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005. This will be voted on October 11, 2005.

Supervisor Blum Bump read a letter she was submitting to the Dutchess County Planning Federation a nomination for the 2006 Planning Award in the category of Open Space Preservation. The nomination relates to our recently adopted Conservation Easement Law which strives to encourage preservation of open space.

All were in agreement that she submits the nomination on behalf of the Town.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we have three weeks in which to make a decision on Central Hudson land purchase and easement.

Attorney Trezza said the Board has to make a decision as we will need to do a SEQR if you decide to purchase the land.

Robert McKeon Agricultural Advisory Committee said he just wanted to remind everyone that Scenic Hudson would give \$100,000 if we have a trail easement.

Deputy O'Neill said the majority of the people contacted for trail easements were in favor providing we offered tax exemptions and the liability insurance.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she would write Central Hudson on these trail easements again.

Attorney Trezza asked if we could go into excessive session on a personnel issue.

Motion by Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump that we closed the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and go into Executive Session.

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich that workshop meeting resume at 9:50 p.m.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked if there was anything else anyone wished to discuss and received no response.

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich the meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Town Clerk

Margaret E. Doty