

A regular monthly meeting of the Red Hook Town Board was held Tuesday December 13, 2005 with the following in attendance:

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

Also present: Deputy Supervisor William O’Neill and Town Attorney Albert Trezza.

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Supervisor Blum Bump then opened the floor for a public comment period.

Lisa Pullaro resident of Rokeby Garden gave an update on her neighborhood. The neighborhood watch had their first meeting. A Christmas party and tree lighting held December 10th with Santa that was well attended. Police patrols are continuing in the area. Lisa asked about the neighborhood sign and also the no parking signs.

Councilman Ramsey said the neighborhood signs should be in this week according to Wayne.

On the no parking signs our Attorney Albert Trezza said he would have it ready for our January meeting.

Councilwoman Bordewich said other neighborhoods in Town have expressed an interest in neighborhood watch. So maybe sometime this year you take what you have learned, set up a meeting here at the Town Hall and you could answer questions they may have concerning neighborhood watch.

Lisa replied that she would be very happy to do so. The Attorney General’s office has a lot of free material we can order on neighborhood watch which will be very helpful.

Motion by Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich and carried accepting the previous minutes as amended.

Supervisor Blum Bump said a letter and map have been received from Hannaford on St. Margaret’s Home which will be going before the Planning Board on Monday. The SEQR form is prepared by Hannaford and we have the subdivision plan. The acreage is 1.437 acres.

The Plan will be reviewed by Michelle Greig from Greenplan before Monday. One or two people Amy Dubin and Winty Aldrich from St. Margaret’s Committee will be going before the Planning Board.

There are two proposed laws Flag Lots and Lighting from the Planning Board.

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich that a public hearing on Local Law #1 for Flag Lots be held January 17, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich and carried that we set a public hearing for Local Law #2 Lighting to be held January 17, 2005 at 7:45 p.m.

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

Copies of both Local Laws will be available at the Town Clerk's Office along with a copy of the current code on Flag Lots.

RESOLUTION 2005 #33

RE – Planning Board Policies on School District Referrals.

Resolution was offered by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey and carried.

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

Supervisor Blum Bump explained that David's Island Development (Con Edison) wish to donate 5.27 acres to the Town.

RESOLUTION 2005 #34

RE – Wetlands Deeded to Town.

Resolution was offered by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross and carried that we accept the parcel.

Whereas, David's Island Development (Con Edison) wished to deed 5.27 acres parcel on Route 9 to the Town and

Whereas, The Parcel Grid no. 6374-00-220572-00 is wetlands and

Now, Therefore the Town of Red Hook wishing to preserve the watershed for the Village of Tivoli water accepts the 5.27 acres of wetlands from David's Island Development (Con Edison).

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

The Town Board expressed concerns about the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) so Councilwoman Bordewich consented to write Dutchess County Commissioners asking them to address these concerns and questions.

One of the biggest concerns was taking of our voting machines even though we own them. Location and boundaries of election districts is also a big concern to the Town.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she will make the change to the letter and then give it to Supervisor Blum Bump to sign and mail to the Election Commissioners.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she had received a request from Glynwood Center who is seeking three communities in Dutchess and Columbia County to participate in the Keep Farming Program: Connecting communities, Farmers and Food over an 18 month period of time starting in 2006. Glynwood Center will work with farmers, community leaders and residents of selected communities to build greater awareness and understanding of the importance of agriculture and provide assistance to the communities in developing and implementing a customized strategy to protect, support and enhance farming in the region.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she was interested in applying.

Councilwoman Bordewich pointed out that we would also have to provide \$5,000 to participate which was not in our budget and also we need someone to spearhead this. I think our committees are overloaded to do this.

Councilman Ramsey said he agreed especially with deadline of December 19th.

Councilwoman Crane said you have to have some kind of vision and some kind of structure for the application. I think this is a lot to ask anyone in this short time. Maybe we could get the committees together for next year as this is not a small request.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she would do the ground work and make phone calls if the Board was supportive.

The Board suggested she find out a little more about the program and especially the date, how much time do we have?

Councilwoman Bordewich said this agreement between the Town of Red Hook and James A. MacDonald DVM is working out for both of us. When the State inspected us they found that the agreement had not been updated since 2002 so they requested we get the agreement updated. So all we have to do is have Supervisor Blum Bump sign the agreement along with James MacDonald and send a copy to the State to satisfy their request.

Supervisor Blum Bump said you have a copy of a grant Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) please read and maybe come up with some ideas as maybe we could do something with the Villages. There is a deadline on January 13th. Mr. Cornelius brought this in today.

Councilwoman Bordewich...maybe we could work with the school as we do share ball fields and that sort of things.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we could consult with John Kuhn as he would be very familiar with what we would need.

Councilman Ross said we should also speak to Wayne as he has shared services with both Villages.

Councilwoman Bordewich said in connection to the Highway garage if we end up having to move our fuel tanks. I wonder if this would come close to qualify.

Supervisor Blum Bump said you have a copy of the Resolution in support of the Community Preservation Act, authorizing municipalities to establish Community Preservation Funds.

Councilman Ross asked if we had our Town Attorney review this before we add additional tax to certain properties.

Councilwoman Bordewich said this allows towns to impose this tax up to 2% of the county's median home price.

Attorney Trezza said he asked the Assessor's office today how many homes this would affect and it was 800-900 homes, which is 20% of our population. How much can we impose on the people?

Councilwoman Bordewich said this is just whether or not the state is going to allow the Towns to make this decision for themselves.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we will wait for Robert McKeon to discuss this further.

Supervisor Blum Bump announces that the swearing in ceremony for newly elected officials will be January 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Tuesday December 20th there is a workshop and December 23rd the year end meeting and closing of the books.

The Town will be selling Recycling Stickers for 2006 starting December 19th.

Councilman Ross said you had received a memo from Bookkeeper Debra Marks concerning the State Retirement System. We never updated our system that would affect Tier 1 and Tier 2 members. It is very little cost to the Town and it could make a big difference to those retiring.

After some discussion the following Resolution was passed.

RESOLUTION 2005 #35

RE- Providing For Section 75e-75g-75i Electing to provide additional Pension Benefit of the Retirement System.

Resolution was offered by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane and carried.

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

Robert McKeon was now present to answer questions on the Community Preservation Act.

Councilman Ramsey questioned if the real estate fee was on all properties.

Robert said it would be on whatever legislation you adopt, for instance if you wanted it on commercial property you could do it whatever way you wanted. You could have individual legislation and make your own decisions.

After much discussion it was decided the Community Preservation Act be tabled until the attorney had a chance to look this over and perhaps come up with our own law.

Dutchess County Supervisors and Mayors Association sent a letter requesting a donation for the Hospitality Room at the Association of Towns which has come up for the past several years. The decision will be made at our next meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Planning Board:

Councilman Ross said the Planning Board met December 5th. They discussed the zoning changes, 2 public hearings on subdivision and discussion on use permit and a couple of site plans.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

Councilman Ross reported that the Zoning Board does not have a meeting this month.

Agricultural & Open Space:

Chairman Robert McKeon said his committee was working on possibility of establishing an agricultural school with practical training of farming on location. There are farm schools established around the country. Hopefully we will have more to report in a couple of months.

Recreation Park:

Councilman Ramsey said the Rec. Park presented their year end report- tennis courts resurfaced, roller rink resurfaced, new picnic tables and new bleachers along with normal maintenance of the Park.

Economic Development:

Councilman Ramsey report of the EDC was that they were still waiting to meet with the Town Board. They will be meeting with the chairman of the zoning and planning boards.

Supervisor Blum Bump said when we are looking at the needs assessment of the highway garage we should also be looking at the needs of the Town Hall- traffic pattern, parking and also recycling because it is shared with the highway.

Dog Control:

Councilwoman Bordewich report for Dog Control was he had picked up a dog hit by car and bill paid by owner.

The agreement contract signed with James MacDonald.

The dog control would like to have a cell phone so people can get in touch easier with him. We will consider this for next year.

Recycling Center:

Councilwoman Bordewich reported that the fencing out there will be installed. The pot holes have been fixed by the highway department.

Building Inspector:

Councilwoman Bordewich said the Building Inspector report was 18 permits issued, 17 closed cases and 47 inspections.

CAC:

Councilwoman Bordewich said the CAC Laurie Husted was working on the energy audit of the Town building and they are working already on the summer scholarships.

Purchasing Dept:

Councilwoman Crane reported that 39 purchase orders were issued \$22,258.38.

Fire Alarm system repaired and now compatible with county 911 system.

Working with IT Committee to prepare disaster plan for data processing capabilities.

Dutchess County Planning requested information on engineering procurement on residential collector street project on RFP data on Morris Associates before we require any reimbursement from the county.

Attorney Trezza said he had spoken to Linda Shine from Hannaford they are anxious to see this proceed St. Margaret's and are sending us papers for early occupancy agreement take and utilize property with the subdivision. They are sending it to me to look over and make my recommendations to the Town Board. It appears we are all on track for the meeting on Monday, classified and treated as historic.

Hannaford has prepared the SEQR as a Type 1 Action.

Linda Keeling, 238 Pitcher Lane...Northern Dutchess Alliance did apply for Glynwood Center proposal as Harold stated, they did do a report so you should look at the report. On the Shared Municipal Services Incentive (SMSI) Grant Program you are going to have to go through a grant expert in that field.

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane and carried the meeting adjourned 9:40 p.m.

Town Clerk

Margaret E. Doty