

## Workshop

A workshop of the Red Hook Town Board was held Tuesday December 6, 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

Supervisor Blum Bump gave an update on St. Margaret's. Town Attorney Albert Trezza has notified us that Hannaford has agreed to donate the historic building and intends to submit a subdivision proposal before our Planning Board on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she spoke to Ted Kudzy and he would like to amend our Disaster Preparedness Plan to include if a disaster occurred at the Town Hall where would the Town operate from, perhaps the Firehouse or even St. Margaret's. He will come up with a plan and present it to the Board.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she had spoken to Marc Molinaro about the negotiations with Time Warner Cable and they agreed it would be a top priority item for 2006.

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill reported on the Implementation of the Working Group Recommendations.

On the maps the soil/slopes map and the agriculture resource map met with our Planner Ted Fink and will be meeting with Greenplan Inc. on December 9, 2005 to get this done by the end of the year.

There are three subcommittees that have been created within the Task Force to separately pursue the issues for the Village of Red Hook/ Town of Red Hook, Village of Tivoli/Town of Red Hook and the hamlets. These subcommittees have already met and started their work.

The resolution establishing Planning Board policies on school district referrals is ready for Town Board approval and on the agenda for December Business meeting to be adopted.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> the Supervisor, Robert McKeon and Councilwoman Sue Crane met with Dr. Leone to discuss his development proposals and at that meeting we asked if he would be willing to sell the 30 acres to the Town for recreation and he said yes he would consider it.

Councilwoman Carne said she was aware this was prime farm land but we do need Rec. lands.

Deputy Supervisor said the Rec. Task Force should look at it and also have Pete Hubble take a look at it of it's worth.

The Supervisor, Deputy Supervisor and Robert McKeon Chairman of the Agricultural and Open Space Committee met with representatives of the Unification Theological Seminary on November 18, 2005 to discuss their proposal on a Master Plan of the expansion of their facility over the next 10 years.

For 2006 Greenplan will be working on changing the zoning laws and adopting the maps, we have soil/slope map and the agricultural resource map ready to be included in the zoning.

Deputy Supervisor said we received a letter from Eric Bickmann concerning sale of property from Route 9 to Guski Road.

Councilwoman Crane said he is not the person we want to negotiate with.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we shall discuss this next week in executive session.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we have to set a date for the last business meeting of the year, December 20<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup> to close the books.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we had received a memo from Robert McKeon on the Community Preservation Act, please read so we can discuss this at our next meeting.

You also have a copy of a fax from David's Island (Con Edison) with survey map 5.27 acre parcel of wetlands they would consider donating to the Town. Please review so we can make a decision. There is also a memo from Steve Cole on outside wood furnaces, please read.

Met with Peter Setaro of Morris Associates on the CDB Grant for residential connector road, the Town of Red Hook road width, highway specification issues have to be decided. This road will connect Hannaford Drive to Hardscrabble Commons to Town highway property and beyond.

Councilwoman Bordewich said reducing the minimum allowable road width from 24 feet to 22 or 20 feet becomes an issue in the Town's Highway Code and what we decide will carry over to future road width specifications.

On the Legislature grant for the Rec. Park, Karen Schneller MacDonald marked all the wetlands and the map will be in the Board room for you to review. Also the maps on the connector road are in there so please take the time to look at them.

The short SEQRA form for the wetlands has been completed. The Army Corps of Engineers has been contacted for the bridge over the wetlands and Morris Associates will see to the finalizing of the construction.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she had spoken to our Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy about the cameras in the meeting room and obtaining better audio microphones.

Laurie Husted said she would work on the Town Hall to get it energy efficient.

Councilman Ramsey suggested she work with our Purchasing Agent for this.

Councilwoman Bordewich suggested Laurie also look at the proposed garage to be made energy efficient.

Councilman Ross said two years ago much of this was discussed as plans were to build near the existing facility as the location was deemed most practical and cost effective, as the structure was set up so that it gets technical assistance and potential future rebates through New York State Energy Research and Development authority. The cost has gone up and you are also talking of moving the facility back towards the Town's recycling center further increases the plan's cost by some \$200,000 alone just to relocate fuel storage, not counting that it would require further soil testing. It is time to move forward on this.

Councilwoman Bordewich said before we start going out to bid the board should have the right plan. If we are going to have a 2 or 3 million dollar project, I want to be able to explain to the taxpayer why it is being done. We first should have a needs assessment, location and a plan.

Councilman Ramsey said he would talk with Wayne on the needs assessment and Morris Associates on the location.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we need to advertise for an Assessor.

Councilwoman Bordewich reviewed the legal notice and said she would like to add he works from 9-5 p.m. to accommodate more people. Those working 9 to 4 p.m. would continue to do so but anyone new hired it should be 9-5 p.m.

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross the meeting adjourned 9:30 p.m.

Town Clerk

Margaret E. Doty