

**Town of Red Hook
Town Board
Workshop September 20, 2005**

A workshop of the Red Hook Town Board was held September 20, 2005 at the Town Hall 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

Supervisor Blum Bump introduced Disaster Preparedness Chair John Douglas who gave a presentation on the "Town of Red Hook's Emergency Action Plan" he and his committee had put lot of time and effort in updating this plan.

Chairman Douglas said the Town had a good plan to begin with but it has not been updated in a decade or more. What they did was follow the format to meet Dutchess County Emergency Response's need for consistency throughout the county.

The Town needs to designate an employee of the Town to update yearly names and phone numbers, also any changes made to the Plan and indicate which shelters are available.

The emergencies that could be disasters in our area are severe snow storms or ice storms that have hit our area in recent years. Another could be a chemical spill from freight trains along the Hudson River.

Chairman Douglas said if we had an emergency the Town Hall would not be suitable as an Emergency Operation Center as it does not have the necessary space available and suggested the new garage have a second floor which would be used in emergency as a command post to house all the necessary equipment needed in an emergency.

Councilman Ramsey said he would like to see an evacuation procedure with step by step instructions in our plan, what do we use to evacuate people school buses?

Chairman Douglas said he would contact the school district to work out an evacuation plan using the school buses.

Resident Peter Hubble suggested that the Town have volunteers canvas their neighborhoods to determine the physical status of each residents this way we will be able to assist them getting out in an emergency.

Councilwoman Bordewich questioned if we had access to Federal and State if we had an emergency.

Chairman Douglas responded we would notify the County and they in turn would notify the State if we declared a "State of Emergency".

Resident Linda Keeling asked if the private schools had an emergency plan and also group home plans would have to be made to evacuate them.

Councilman Ramsey said some of the Fire Companies had a list of these homes and schools which could be computerized for emergencies.

Supervisor Blum Bump and the Board members thanked John Douglas, Erica Brown and the committee for their time and effort in updating the Plan.

Supervisor Blum Bump read a copy of a letter sent to Hannaford that the Town Board that the Town Board has agreed to accept St. Margaret's building and appropriate amount of land as the Town is applying for a grant and need to effectuate this donation as soon as possible.

Christine Kane, Chair of the Planning Board was present to express her concern on certain sections of the Zoning Code and Subdivision regulations should be clarified for more understanding in decision making that the Board has to do.

Councilwoman Bordewich said we could tell Greenplan to look at what you need.

Councilman Ross suggested that we have the Zoning Review Committee look at these needs.

Councilman Ramsey felt if there are zoning changes than we should work with the Zoning Review Committee.

Councilwoman Crane...do we want to authorize Greenplan to review these issues so we can move forward.

Motion by Supervisor Blum Bump seconded by Councilwoman Crane that we authorize Greenplan to review the following subjects with the Planning Board: cluster regulations, regulations concerning flag lots, cul-de-sacs, outdoor lighting standards, accessory apartments, scenic corridors and roads and road widths, the Farm Law and its relation to conservation subdivisions, possible large lot zoning in agriculture or open space area, to draft new or revised regulations where necessary within six weeks. The Town Board also requires from the Planner a bi-weekly report on cost and updates.

Supervisor Blum Bump - Yes

Councilman Ross - No

Councilwoman Crane - Yes

Councilwoman Bordewich - Yes

Councilman Ramsey - Yes

Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand said he had already reduced the widths of town roads from 26 to 24 ft and he did not feel he could go lower on a town road because of plowing so he would have room to push snow and it's definitely needed for school buses. Wayne said roads in a development such as Anderson Commons were up to the Planning Board but any town roads have to be 24 ft.

Councilwoman Crane questioned the size of Village streets

Highway Superintendent Hildenbrand said they were all measured by Jay Trapp from the Village and they were 22 ft. wide.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we will meet with Peter Hubble at our next workshop on the Central Hudson land.

Supervisor Blum Bump said everyone has a copy of the letter from Cingular regarding their lease agreement we will let out Town Attorney handle this.

The Ethic's Law has been received from the committee and will have a public hearing September 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Councilman Ramsey said the no parking sign has been replaced. The residents of Rokeby Gardens will be meeting October 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW Post on Elizabeth Street in the Village.

John Douglas inquired what the plans are for St. Margaret's.

Supervisor Blum Bump said it will be for historic and public use.

Councilwoman Crane said on the Rec. Park Task Force report Lisa Pinto was researching properties for recreation use.

Resident Linda Keeling said when you acquire the land for recreation I would like to see a teen center established.

Motion by Councilwoman Bordewich seconded by Councilman Ross and carried the meeting adjourned 10:20 p.m.

Town Clerk

Margaret E Doty