

A special workshop meeting of the Town Board of Red Hook was held at the Town Hall 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, on January 9, 2006.

Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilwoman Jean Bordewich
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Town Clerk Susan McCann

Absent, Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump and Councilman James Ross
(arrived 7:30 p.m.)

Also present - Tivoli Mayor Marcus Molinaro, and Village Trustee Jack Gilfeather.

Deputy Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Motion offered by Councilwoman Jean Bordewich to move into Executive Session to discuss Assessor candidates and interview, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey and carried unanimously.

Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill excused himself before moving into Executive Session and will return to continue workshop at 7:30.

Councilman Harold Ramsey moved to close Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. and continue workshop - seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane and carried unanimously.

Councilman James Ross is present for workshop which is called to order by Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill at 7:35 p.m.

Deputy O'Neill opens the floor for a 15 minute comment period

Privilege of the Floor

Rosemarie Zengen from Save Our Town Committee presented the Town Board with a petition signed by 50 residents strongly advising the Town Board not to reappoint Ruth Oja or Kathy Stewart Gonzalez to any Town of Red Hook Committees or Boards. Petition also requests that Albert R. Trezza remain as Town Attorney until May 1, 2006. A copy of article written by Ruth Oja was read and also presented to Board members.

Linda Keeling, Pitcher Lane - the agenda is not on the town website. There is a petition on Red Hook Concerns website in favor of Ruth Oja with no signatures, no addresses. If this petition is presented to you, please look at it in an in depth manner.

Deputy O'Neill asked if there were no further comments. Continued to agenda. The first presentation by Christine Kane and Ted Fink of Greenplan, Inc. on lighting and flag lots has been postponed.

Councilman Ross suggests we cancel Public Hearing on lighting and flag lots scheduled for Jan. 17, 2006 until we have their presentation.

Presentation by Pete Setaro for Keith Lore on the Anderson Commons subdivision. The Village is acting as lead agency and we have obtained SEQR determination from them. Certain Town Officials approached the

applicant to ask if they would dedicate approx. 20 - 22 acres to the Town to be used as hiking trails. Keith Lore is asking Town if they are interested in this piece to waive the recreation fees if he gives them this parcel. Looking for a Feb 1st answer from the Town Board. Board members questioned Pete and Keith. Pete Setaro will leave map. Applicant will provide a parking lot, Town would build trail.

Councilwoman Crane - we need to consider pro's and con's of accepting this parcel and how it would impact the taxation. Is this an area we want to invest in - trails?

Councilman Ross questioned applicant about recreation fees.

Pete Setaro replied if the Town were to accept then the applicants are looking to have the rec fees waived. Board members will look into how this gift would affect rec fees, taxes, Town liability and cost of building trail. Board thanked them for their presentation which ended at 8:15p.m.

Steve Cole, Building Inspector, presented information to Board members on the outdoor wood furnaces. He has received complaints about wood smoke from these new furnaces.

Town Board discussed minimum lot size and questions what our present zoning code says. Board directs Steve to do more research and suggest calling the Association of Towns to see if we can have a moratorium until we investigate. Robert McKeon, resident, also presents info on the wood furnaces and has first hand knowledge of the health problems. Town Board will put Steve on agenda when he has more information and guidelines. Resident Paul Fredericks says solar panels should also be investigated.

Deputy O'Neill opened discussion for the re-org draft.

Councilwoman Bordewich - there are a few new volunteers:

- Andrew Kehr - Senior Services
- Linda Keeling - Ethics Committee
- Betty Carr - Ethics Committee

Councilwoman Bordewich would like to interview them.

Ed Martin - applied for several, senior services, recreation, EDC and St. Margaret's Task force. Councilwoman Bordewich said she put Martin in as possible for St Margaret's Task Force.

Vicky Perry - IT Committee, also interested in Rec or Ethics Ellen Jetto - Trails Susan Simon -ZBA Councilwoman Bordewich spoke by phone to Susan and would like to interview her. John Douglas - ZBA Gordon Denegar is also interested so there are three people interested for two appointments. We'll set up interviews.

Board feels they already know John Douglas and Gordon Denegar so only Susan Simons will be interviewed. Councilman Ross and Councilwoman Bordewich will interview Susan Simon and make recommendation to Board. Appointments to be made at the Business meeting. Any vacant position will be filled at a later date. Councilwoman Bordewich suggested 2 liaisons to each committee. Councilman Ross suggested we wait and let Supervisor Blum Bump weigh in on that. Councilwoman Crane suggests we have a liaison and an alternate. Councilman Ramsey likes that idea. After some discussion the Board decided to wait until Supervisor Blum Bump gets back.

The Board has to look at the composition of the Disaster Preparedness Committee.

Councilwoman Bordewich feels we need more discussion on the Zoning Review Committee. She questioned what their charge and process is. Councilman Ross feels this committee was side tracked two years ago. Councilman Ramsey and Councilwoman Crane spoke in favor of the committee. Councilwoman Bordewich will draft purpose, the procedure and members. Board discussing members - some are from Planning, ZBA, Building/Zoning, plus two at large. EDC, Ag & Open Space, CAC are still under discussion.

Councilwoman Bordewich said the Planning Board would like to continue with Greensplan.

Councilman Ross would like to go out for a RFP for a new planner.

The Board will check into the makeup of the members of the Farmland Protection Committee. Were members appointed by resolution or Town Law? Should Town Board member be a member or liaison?

With no further business, on a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross, the meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk