

A workshop meeting of the Town Board was held January 17, 2006 at the Red Hook Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilwoman Jean Bordewich
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Town Clerk Sue McCann

Also present, Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill.

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Supervisor Blum Bump...the first topic of discussion is the Highway Garage; however, Highway Superintendent is unable to make the meeting tonight so we'll schedule him for the next workshop.

The next workshop will be February 7th at 7:30 p.m.

On February 13 at 7:30 p.m. Greenplan and Planning Chair Christine Kane will present information on proposed zoning changes concerning flag lots and lighting.

Supervisor Blum Bump introduces Art Collings from Dutchess Land Conservancy, Seth McKee of Scenic Hudson and Robert McKeon of the Agriculture and Open Space Committee.

The topic of discussion is the Community Preservation Act which is proposed legislation that would amend the tax law to authorize towns to impose a real estate transfer fee of up to 2 percent to be levied on amounts over and above the County's median home price with revenues to be deposited into a dedicated Community Preservation Fund.

Robert McKeon presents letter from Becky Thornton who was unable to attend tonight.

Seth McKee of Scenic Hudson Conservation group from Poughkeepsie states they are a strong supporter of the Community Preservation Act. Red Hook has shown its commitment to conserving open space and farmland. Red Hook has inspired other communities. This act shifts the burden of protecting open space to those who are active in the real estate market. Creates an opportunity for newcomers to invest in conservation in your town. The CPA will offer blanket authority to municipalities throughout the State that will allow communities to pass up to a 2% fee on real estate transfers above the median home value in that County. Voters would have to approve.

Home Rule - prerogative to support the State bill and seek your own authorization. Governor Pataki supports the bill, Assembly passed it, but it stalled in the Senate.

This is an additional tool of your preservation toolbox.

Art Collings of Dutchess Land Conservancy - Seth has provided the details clearly. Becky Thornton unable to attend however, she has provided a letter. There is a shared vision both past and present. The Community Preservation Act is an excellent tool. It's a way for the Town to determine its future.

Robert McKeon, Agriculture and Open Space Chair presented "Integrating a Community Preservation Fund Program".

- Potential uses for CP funds
- Requirements for CPA
- Exceptions/Allowances
- Establish Preservation Plan
- Fees would not deter commercial business
- Allowance would be based on residential

The Town should adopt the assembly's model.

Supervisor Blum Bump reads Becky Thornton's letter. After some questions and discussion from the Board they ask Robert what the next step is. They agree to move forward.

Robert says we should revisit our Open Space Plan, do a more detailed preservation plan and follow the time table. We need public hearing prior to adoption.

The Board will look at the legislation draft at the next workshop February 7th and have comments from legal council. We can vote at our next Board meeting whether or not we are going to send this to our Assemblyman and State Senator to introduce for us.

The Town doing a Resolution shows support. The Board will contact Senator Saland. Home Rule would not be affected by State bill.

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill discusses his 14th report on the implementations of the of the Working Group recommendations.

1. Maps – soils/slopes and agricultural resources. Greenplan preparing Resolution to adopt these maps.
2. IMA met with John Clarke from Dutchess County Planning - the county would like to be involved with the 3 municipalities with future development

Also reported the contract to have Peter Hubbell appraise 30 acre parcel of the Leone/Migliorelli lot was signed 1/9/06. Highway garage Needs Assessment presented 1/10/06. On 1/13/06 the Supervisor and Bill met with Peter Setaro of Morris Assoc. and Ted Fink of Greenplan to review the subject of road widths. Greenplan drafting resolution to propose amending the Highway specs.

Councilwoman Bordewich points out that there are no residents from hamlets on the Hamlet Task Force. In a memo they had Annandale and Barrytown lumped together and named one person as the contact person. Barrytown and Annandale are not the same. It should be an open meeting. The Town has a Hamlet Review Committee, the chair is Geoff Carter and they know the hamlet provisions of the code.

Councilman Ross agrees that meetings have to be public and all the hamlets are different.

Board discusses Anderson Commons land donation. Mr. Lore wants to donate in lieu of Rec fees. Board doesn't want to lose rec. fees. Open Space if owned by Homeowners Association still pay Rec fee.

Board instructs Town Clerk Sue McCann to send memo to Trails Committee and Recreation Committee asking for their recommendation if the Town accepts this 20 – 22 acre parcel within Anderson Commons.

Board checking what Rec fee would be, is it \$900 when project began or the new \$3,000 Rec fee per home. We all have same goal – open space.

Town website presentation set for March 7th

Continue with reorganization discussion related to personnel. Councilwoman Bordewich suggests we move into Executive Session.

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich we move into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters relating to the Assessor. The Board decides to continue with reorg first, executive session last.

Town Board Liaisons to Town Departments

Fire companies (Tivoli & Red Hook and Village of Tivoli)	Councilman Ramsey
Village of RH, Purchasing & Recycling	Councilwoman Crane
Building Inspector & Assessor	Councilman Ross
Bard, Attorney, School	Councilwoman Bordewich
Special Projects	Deputy O'Neill
Dog Control	Councilman Ramsey
Secondary to Fire Comp.	Councilwoman Bordewich

Town Liaisons Committee

	<u>Liaison</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Ag. & Open Space	Councilwoman Crane	Supervisor Blum Bump
Assessor Review Board	Councilman Ross	Councilwoman Bordewich
CAC	Councilwoman Bordewich	Supervisor Blum Bump
Design Review Hamlet	Councilwoman Bordewich	Councilwoman Crane
Disaster Preparedness	Councilman Ramsey	Councilman Ross
EDC	Councilman Ramsey	Councilwoman Crane
Ethics Committee	Supervisor Blum Bump	Councilwoman Bordewich
Planning Board	Councilman Ross	Councilwoman Crane
Water District	Councilwoman Crane	Councilman Ross
Recreation Commission	Councilman Ramsey	Councilwoman Crane
Rec Space Task Force	Councilwoman Crane	Councilman Ramsey
Senior Services	Councilwoman Crane	Councilman Ramsey
Greenway/Trails	Councilwoman Bordewich	Councilman Ross
ZBA	Councilman Ross	Councilwoman Bordewich
Farmland Protection	Councilman Ross	Councilwoman Bordewich
St Margaret's Task Force	Supervisor Blum Bump	

Discussion of possible grants...we should check into grant for Records Management.

On a motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross we move into Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
Nays 0

Specific action taken during Executive Session. On a motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to appoint Frank Orlando as Town Assessor.

Adopted Ayes 4 Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
Nays 1 Blum Bump

On a motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump, move to close Executive Session at 11:05.

Adopted Ayes 5 Blum Bump, Ross, Crane, Bordewich, Ramsey
Nays 0

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich, workshop meeting adjourned. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan McCann, Town Clerk