

A regular meeting of the Town Board of Red Hook was held at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway New York on February 14, 2006.

Present - Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilwoman Jean Bordewich
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Town Clerk Susan McCann

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

Supervisor Blum Bump presented the monthly report on the Town's finances for the month of January 2006.

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilman Ramsey the Supervisor Report was accepted as written.

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

On motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane the Town Clerk minutes are accepted as written.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Linda Keeling presented a copy of letter to Town Clerk Sue McCann. Linda Keeling read the letter RE: 911 Emergency Call by Kathy Stewart on 10/19/05. Save Our Town would like a letter from the Town Board stating that Ms. Stewart was not authorized to make such a call. We'd like Town Clerk, Sue McCann, to note in tonight's minutes that Kathy Stewart was never authorized by this Board to make a 9-1-1 emergency call on behalf of the Town Board.

John Douglas... would like to know from the Town Board where they are going as far as developments, flag lots, moratorium etc. There seems like a conflict. What are your plans for St. Margaret's and where does the highway garage project stand.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she will discuss that at her State of the Town address.

Councilwoman Crane...the Town Board engaged in a very delicate balancing act. We need all our committees to help with that balancing act. As far as the highway garage we are working on that, we need to make some difficult decisions. We will consider all aspects. St. Margaret's is an opportunity for the Town. We applied for a grant and I hope we develop a plan for the best way to utilize the building.

Councilman Ramsey...we need to manage growth and find ways to preserve farmland. We need to manage both commercial and residential growth. As far as the highway garage we are pushing ahead with the garage, we need it and will continue to move forward. St. Margaret's is being put on the National Historic Registry, get the grant we are looking to get, it is another asset for the Town

Lisa Pullaro, Rokeby Gardens...updated the Town Board on the Rokeby Gardens activities. Thanked County Legislator Marc Molinaro and Councilman Harold Ramsey for attending their last meeting which also had educational presentation by the Sheriff's Department. She would also like to thank the Town Board and the Highway Department for the neighborhood watch signs.

Harry Colgan, Tivoli...Objects to placing the highway garage on this location in the gateway to the Town. I've looked at the State Highway garage on Rokeby Road and it

should be used as a role model. The design should be looked at. I know of no private contractor who keeps his trucks indoors. The cost is immense. Which account would pay for this the General A Fund or the B Fund?

Frank Stoppenbach, Rokeby Road...the road has been raised over the past several years. I now have a problem with drainage on my driveway. I have complaints about how the drainage was installed and have spoken to the Highway Superintendent. I'm in a legal dispute with the Town.

Albert Trezza, Town Attorney...Mr. Stoppenbach has served the Town with Notice of Intent. I have spoken to Wayne and also Mr. Stoppenbach. Wayne is willing to work with Mr. Stoppenbach. Wayne would like it in writing. The drain is in the road right away. We will check the situation in the spring.

Frank Stoppenbach...Mr. Hildenbrand agreed to put drain were I wanted it and didn't do that.

Councilwoman Bordewich...has Morris Associates looked at this?

Frank Stoppenbach...I did go to the Town Engineer D.F. Wheeler and presented info to him and have not yet heard back from him. The drain needs to be in the right spot.

Supervisor Blum Bump...I have spoken to you, our Highway Superintendent and our Town Attorney and will help to find a resolution in the spring.

Councilwoman Bordewich... I would like to bring in one of our two Town Engineers to resolve this.

Rosemarie Zengen, Save Our Town...I'm concerned about the Supervisor wanting to hire a full time confidential secretary. We can not afford a confidential secretary, don't drain the taxpayers further. We cannot afford another dime our senior citizens cannot afford it. Past Supervisor Sam Lore and Jack Gilfeather did not have a confidential secretary. Please don't drain the taxpayer further.

Public comment period closed.

Supervisor Blum Bump announces the first item on agenda is a resolution for the Community Preservation Act.

Robert McKeon presents information on the community preservation act. The Town is considering petitioning Albany to have the right to impose a real estate transaction fee. Funds to be put forth in community preservation fund.

Supervisor Blum Bump read the resolution.

Councilman Ramsey would like to clarify that this resolution authorizes us to go before the public for a vote and that the funds can be used to pay down debt to preserve land.

RESOLUTION 2006 # 2

RE – In support of the Community Preservation Act, proposed statewide legislation authorizing municipalities to establish Community Preservation Funds.
Copy Attached.

On motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane the following resolution was

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

Town Attorney Albert Trezza...this is the correct way to go. Senate may not release the bill. We may have to create a local law. It would require a public referendum.

Discussion about what the Board wants in regard to moratorium on outdoor furnaces. Do you want to totally ban them or do you want them under certain circumstances? 90 day moratorium suggested. Al Trezza suggests passing an ordinance regulating them. Supervisor Blum Bump suggests passing the moratorium.

RESOLUTION 2006 # 3

RE – To establish a Town wide moratorium on outdoor furnaces for a period of 90 days.

On motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross, the following resolution was

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

The presentation of an award to Richard Trotti by Mr. Harry Girdlestone from NY State ORPS has been postponed.

RESOLUTION 2006 #4

RE - To authorize Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump to sign all necessary documents regarding the acquisition of St. Margaret's home by the Town of Red Hook from the Hannaford Company.

Copy Attached

On motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich, the following resolution was

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

Al Trezza... St. Margaret's acreage has been increased – reserved a right of way on this property. Power lines run across property – wants to ask them to restore the property to the condition it is – we want to put a parking lot. Hannaford would like to mention Paul Fredricks for all the work he has done at no cost to anyone on behalf of the Town. We are accepting liability during the contract period There will also be restricted uses for the premises, i.e.; municipal uses, Historical Society uses or leased to a not for profit corporation for uses directly related to such corporations for not for profit purposes. Building cannot be used for commercial purposes. Councilwoman Bordewich suggests rewording contract to say Historical, Cultural, Civic, Educational, and/or not for profit. Use restriction is an important part of the consideration of the purchase and sale.

Marcy... would we be allowed to make money?

Al ... purchase price is one dollar. We'll receive additional land from Hannaford. Map should be in our hands by Friday. Hannaford wants a 20 foot wide buffer of trees. Do not want parking lot to extend to the line. Once contract is signed we are liable.

Discussion before resolution...split hearings up? Councilman Ramsey suggests we set Mass Gathering aside temporarily because we don't have the law in hand yet.

RESOLUTION 2006 #5

RE – To set Public Hearing date for proposed Lighting Law and Flag Lot Law.

On motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane moves to set Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m. April 4, 2006 on proposed Lighting law and set Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. April 4, 2006 on proposed Flag Lot law, the following resolution was

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

Copies of the proposed draft laws are available in the Town Clerk Office.

Supervisor Blum Bump reads resolution dated 2/14/2006

RESOLUTION 2006 #6

RE – Regarding Perx Property to recommend application for Phase Two and to send letter of support to Judith Calogero, Commissioner, New York Division of Housing and Community Renewal.

Copy Attached

On motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane the following resolution was

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

Supervisor Blum Bump...the next resolution to amend the Highway Specs to accommodate traditional neighborhood streets will not be voted on tonight. It is in draft form and the Board is reviewing it. We need to designate a specific neighborhood or type of neighborhood where the street type would be used.

Al Trezza....we need input from Wayne. Al also talked to Ted Fink of Greenplan. Both should be on board. Supervisor Blum Bump suggests one more meeting with Wayne to discuss neighborhood streets. We will designate where this will be used. Supervisor Blum Bump and Councilwoman Bordewich ready to vote tonight feels Highway Superintendent could have shown up at any one of the meetings. Councilman Ross...thought Wayne was going to be invited tonight. We need to specify where the roads are to be used. Wayne sat with our Planners and had gone over the modifications. Councilwoman Bordewich suggested Wayne respond in writing to the proposal then discuss again at a second workshop in March. Supervisor Blum Bump...we have control over the Highway Spec's.

RESOLUTION 2006 #7

RE – To support the CAC Tree Committee's application to establish the Town of Red Hook as a Tree City, USA.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross, the following resolution was

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

RESOLUTION 2006 #8

RE – Approval of funds for Diana Picciano, secretary to the Assessor, four days a week for six weeks (2/27/06 until 4/6/06; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

On motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross, the following resolution was

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

Al Trezza ...it should be extended. Suggests Richard Trotti come in and help Frank Orlando with small claims and get him up to speed. Al feels Diana should be here until July 1, 2006. Councilwoman Crane...how many small claims?

REORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

ZBA-

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Crane move to accept resignation of Jeanne Douglas and to appoint John Douglas to serve out the remaining three years of the term on the ZBA. The following motion was

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

Ag & Open Space Committee –

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ramsey move to appoint Miriam Latzer to vacancy on the Agriculture and Open Space Committee. The following motion was

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

Town Assessor –

On motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump move to appoint Frank V.Orlando as Town Assessor for the remainder of Richard Trotti's term that expires in 2007. The following motion was

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

Supervisor Blum Bump moves to Executive Session at 9:15 regarding hiring personnel. Councilwoman Bordewich suggests Board Reports first than move to Executive Session.

Al Trezza will discuss drainage problem on Glenview Court and Bond anticipation note at next workshop.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT

Planning Board report by Councilman Ross – met February 6th – had site plan and subdivision discussions, meetings on ongoing subdivisions. Meet again on February 27 rather than the 20th.

ZBA report by Councilman Ross - met Feb 8th – had 1 Public Hearing adjourned until March, had one review for an area variance.

Senior Services report by Councilwoman Crane – is working on sponsoring a special educational day on April 11th for Senior Citizens who are in need of counseling on the new Medicare Prescription Drug program at the High School, most of the morning and part of afternoon. The senior services committee has also arranged for Dutchess County Office of the Aging to begin counseling seniors at Town Hall on Wednesday mornings at Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., making appointments for people who want this counseling to help them make decisions about the Prescription drug program. The senior services committee is also getting info out to churches, PANDA and doctors offices to get more publicity out for the Dial-A-Ride program. Has Dial-A-Ride contract been

signed yet? 103 rides were given last year. Will contact Rhinebeck to see if they'd like to share services. We need to have the contract signed.

On motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilman Ross move to have the Supervisor sign the contract with Dutchess County Office of the Aging for the Dial-A-Ride contract for 2006. The following motion was

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

Councilwoman Bordewich – should keep monitoring use – it is expensive
Councilwoman Crane – we want make a full effort to publicize to see if it makes a difference – seniors have to register with Office of the Aging.
Supervisor Blum Bump – difficulty of usage – 1 or 2 rides a month is hard to justify the expense. I get complaints from seniors who use it. I want seniors to be happy with the program. Not interested in supporting a County program for the sake of supporting a County Program.

Purchasing report by Councilwoman Crane – Yearly report for 2005 – The Town issued 427 Purchase Orders in the year 2005 in the amount of \$703,834.57.

Councilwoman Bordewich...annual reports should go on website.

Supervisor Blum Bump suggests we read them at our next meeting.

Building report by Councilwoman Bordewich – 7 new permits issued in January, 3 of the 7 is for new single family dwellings, 12 CO's, 47 inspections. Building Inspector also working on closing out outstanding certificates of occupancy from 1980-2003.

Dog Control report by Councilwoman Bordewich – one injured dog returned to owners.

Councilwoman Bordewich said the Board today received from Ted Kudzy a final draft of RFP for the consultants for the fiscal analysis study. I made a few minor edits – asked for changes. I would also like a memo for meal allowance for Association of Towns.

Councilwoman Bordewich...I would like to thank Town Clerk Sue McCann for responding and looking for better ways to put up notices of our meetings. She found some good solutions.

Recycle Center report by Councilwoman Bordewich...Town Clerk McCann is busy selling Recycling Stickers. Clerk McCann said there will be a Saturday in March which she will be opened to sell stickers. The date will be announced at the next meeting.

Recreation Commission report by Councilman Ramsey – mentioned there is quite a bit of damage on the ball fields because of snowmobiles. We are asking that no snowmobiles ride on them. Also looking at purchasing new playground safety fiber for NYMIR requirements.

Disaster Preparedness report by Councilman Ramsey – Submitted to our attorney, a draft of new description of the make up of the committee. Waiting to hear back.

EDC by Councilman Ramsey – will meet with NY State Small Business Development center, Mid-Hudson region. They assisted with Glynwood proposal prepared by Mary Ann Johnson which has been accepted. Theresa Haney – public seminar on internet marketing and sales to held at the Town Hall.

Councilman Ramsey also brought up following up with sidewalk concerns. Webmaster coming in on March 7th workshop to speak to the board on new web design. Councilman Ramsey also announced a blood drive at the Tivoli Firehouse on February 21st from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor Blum Bump gave Grant status report.

Youth Recreation Grant (rec. program for youth monies)	-	\$3,739
Community Development Block Grant (residential collector street)	-	\$120,000
Community Development Block Grant (Perx Property remediation)	-	\$150,000
Quality Communities Grant (analyze a range of growth strategies)	-	\$32,000
Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation - (Red Hook school program)	-	\$3,175
Legislature Member Item Grant (Nature & walking trail)		\$25,000
Village to Village Trail Grant		\$7,000

Supervisor Blum Bump invited everyone to attend her State of the Town address on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich move to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. to discuss hiring of personnel. The following motion was

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

Supervisor Blum Bump moves to adjourn Board meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Discussion regarding phone call by Ms. Stewart.... Councilman Ross – If Ms. Stewart made phone call under her own name that’s fine, but to say she was calling for the Town Board that’s not correct or did we authorize that. We do not condone that behavior. Supervisor Blum Bump said anyone has the right to call. Councilman Ross said yes anyone can call but not under someone else’s name. Supervisor asked to bring it up at the next Workshop. Councilman Ramsey feels that people should not misrepresent themselves and we should make public aware we didn’t make the call. Councilman Ross would like the Board to acknowledge that the Board did not make the phone call. Councilman Ramsey...we had nothing to do with that call and we owe it to public to make statement that we had nothing to do with the call and we don’t condone it. Supervisor Blum Bump said we will discuss at our next workshop. Supervisor Blum Bump said the meeting is closed. The meeting is not closed, we did not vote on it. Councilman Ross said why can’t we admit it was wrong and we are not going to let it happen again. Councilman Ramsey... as a Board member I am stating that no one should misrepresent themselves.

Councilman Ramsey suggests we close meeting. Supervisor Blum Bump stated meeting was closed. Councilwoman Crane stated she said aye to close the meeting and Supervisor Blum Bump said she and Councilwoman Bordewich also said aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk