

A regular meeting of the Town Board of Red Hook was held at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway New York on March 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 calls meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Supervisors Blum Bump read the Supervisor's report for February 28, 2006- copy attached.

On motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich the Supervisor Report was

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

On motion of Councilwoman Crane, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich the Town Clerk minutes for February were accepted as written.

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

Town Clerk Susan McCann read monthly report for January 2006 and February 2006.

Total revenues collected for January 2006 -\$8,287.25  
February 2006 -\$3,872.00

Town Clerk McCann announced that she and the two Village clerks have started to meet monthly to discuss shared services and how we can better serve our residents. At our first meeting it was decided that the two Village clerks will sell the Town recycling permits and the Town clerk will sell both village garbage tags.

946 recycling permits have been purchased so far. Town Clerk McCann said she will have Saturday hours March 25, 2006 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for the purpose of selling recycle stickers.

The Town clerk office has also researched on how best to inform the public if the Town Hall is closed due to inclement weather or some other emergency. We have contacted the clear channel network, CZX, PDH and also WRWD Country station. Information will be posted on the Town website [www.redhook.org](http://www.redhook.org) sometime in April.

Town Clerk McCann also announced that she has dedicated the last page in the 2005 minute book to retiring Town Clerk Margaret E. Doty.

#### Privilege of the Floor/Public comments

Paul Fredricks – comments on zoning map...overlay very confusing. Overlay is not accurate. Map should be dated. Agriculture overlay should not be on zoning map. The land that has purchase of development rights should be on the map so people know that land can not be developed. Map is very confusing. Agriculture overlay should be on a separate map. Zoning map is too important; it should be updated more often.

Al Trezza – maps have not been adopted. Should not put overlay on zoning map. For two years I've been saying maps should be adopted pursuant to Town Law. You do not use maps unless they have been adopted by the Town Board pursuant to Town Law.

Tom and MaryAnn Stash – a zoning violation occurring in our neighborhood. Someone is running a towing business (Benner & Hoffman Woods Road). I've been in touch with Steve Cole several times. Hopefully it's being turned over to the attorney and the Town will take action and resolve it.

Linda Keeling – Presents and reads letter dated March 14, 2006 (Lie #1-5) refers to March 9, 2006 letter to Board regarding Kathy Stewart's 9-1-1 call misrepresenting the Town Board during the Board's Oct. 19, 2005 public meeting. Linda refers to Dutchess County Sheriff's Dept radio log which Linda says Supervisor was aware of before Gazette interview.

Rosemarie Zengen – read "Save Our Town" letter to Supervisor and Town Board in reference to 911 call from Town Hall. Rosemarie would like a declaration from the Board stating specifically that the Board did not give Kathy Stewart authority to call 911 and that this declaration be made no later than March 25, 2006. Rosemarie would like to discuss this now at the public comment period. Would like Supervisor Blum Bump to excuse herself from vote because of relationship with Kathy Stewart. Demands discussion now. Supervisor Blum Bump tells Ms. Zengen that she can't demand a particular Board member answer.

Councilman Ross – simple – should address this because it's the right thing to do. This board never authorized this call and we don't condone it.

Councilwoman Crane – Town Board certainly did not authorize it – was not even aware of the call. Two agencies responded to the call. The person who made the call left the meeting and did not stand up for why she called. I do not condone the behavior.

Councilman Ramsey – Does not condone anyone misrepresenting themselves on behalf of the Town Board or the Town Hall. Thinks this is being blown out of proportion.

Councilwoman Bordewich – we did not authorize the call. This is blown out of proportion. Feels point has been made. I'm not issuing a public statement – enough. Feels Mrs. Keeling's attacks on Supervisor were uncalled for.

Rosemarie Zengen feels if it was addressed earlier as she was told it would be it would never have gotten to this level.

Supervisor Blum Bump – Public comment period over. At our meetings we treat every member of assembly respectfully and appreciate all comments. Town Board is finished discussing this issue.

Councilwoman Crane notes gentleman with question.

Public Comments continue....

Jeff Ackerly – refers to Public Hearing on moratorium. Agriculture Preserve is being proposed. Ag Preserve is a defined overlay. What does Agriculture preserve mean? Doesn't define large lots. You are proposing a moratorium on something that doesn't exist. Recommendations made, but criteria not defined. Councilwoman Bordewich asks Jeff to define preserve. I can't define its seems to me there is an effort to create overlay over overlay that has never been adopted, gone way beyond original intent to preserve important farmland in Red Hook, and is becoming an attempt to circumvent property rights in the town of Red Hook. If we want to change it, do it honestly and openly.

Leo Sieverding – questions what's going on with proposed moratorium. For the last tax abatement I got 5 mailings, this moratorium I have received nothing. What is Ag Preserve? What are the criteria we're using to place properties in this Agricultural preserve? I hope the Board doesn't vote on this. We need information before a vote is taken.

Al Trezza – Last Wednesday Mr. McKeon gave me a copy of a proposed resolution to adopt a moratorium and that resolution is here in front of me which I reviewed. It's a very formal procedure. This is a local law which will be adopted after a Public Hearing. After the hearing the Board has the right to adopt with a board quorum without further discussion. Public hearing is required before you can adopt a local law. A public hearing is a formal hearing for the purposes of adopting this law. If this resolution for a proposed

moratorium is voted on it is setting in motion adoption of a local law. Informational hearing is different.

Jeff Ackerly – avoid last moratorium problem. Have an informational session so proposed map can be explained, then let people decide to go with public information. We need to know what the impact is and what the map looks like.

Leo Sieverding – residents that are impacted should get information to them.

Councilwoman Bordewich – does not want to delay further – if we don't act now will be too late.

Jeanne Douglas – refers to Robert McKeon's attempt years ago to get Crestwood Road changed from a Town road to a private road because his barn was too close to the road. Feels he's "charmed" Councilwoman Bordewich and Supervisor Blum Bump into concentrating on Agriculture and Open Space... there are other people in the Town of Red Hook who deserve time and attention from this Board.

Public Comment closed at 8:22 p.m.

Supervisor Blum Bump announces Unification Theological Seminary has opened a trail on their property to the public. A pedestrian access conservation easement held by the Winnakee Land Trust was signed on March 13, 2006. All are welcomed to use the trail.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #9

RE – Resolutions recognizing Margaret E. Doty, Albert R. Trezza and Richard P. Trotti upon the occasion of their retirement from public office.

On a motion of Councilwoman Jean Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane the resolution was

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

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #10

RE – Resolution to sign the PANDA contract.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey moves to sign the Inter- municipal contract with PANDA.

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

Councilwoman Bordewich summarizes contract for residents.  
Councilman Ramsey – adds that this is a 5 year contract.

#### RESOLUTION 2006 #11

RE – Resolution regarding the transfer of funds appropriated from the surplus fund balance of the water works operation and maintenance to special reserve funds. (\$25,000.00 to the reserve for reconstruction and \$35,000.00 to the reserve for transmission).

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

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

RESOLUTION 2006 #12

RE – Resolution to appoint CAC Chair, Trail Committee Chair, Town Planner for 2006.

On a motion by Councilwoman Jean Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move that Greenplan, Inc to be appointed as Town Planner the resolution was

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Jean Bordewich, seconded by Councilwoman Sue Crane, move to appoint Brenda Cagle as Chair of the Conservation Advisory Council the resolution was

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

On a motion of Councilwoman Jean Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey, move to appoint as co-chairs of the Trails/Greenway Committee Howard Callies and Micki Strawinski.

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

Councilwoman Bordewich discusses establishment of Zoning Review Committee – discussed a 9 member committee, but the way we redefined it with the Deputy Supervisor as the liaison, we ended up with 5 committee representatives which would leave us with a code enforcement officer with 3 at large town residents appointed by the Town Board. There will be a \$1,500 budget for part time secretary. ZRC will have access to the Town Planner with permission from the Town Board to be paid for with the Planning Board budget. The ZRC terms are two years.

On a motion of Councilwoman Bordewich, seconded by Councilman Ross moves to establish a Zoning Review Committee effective as soon as we can make the appointments.

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

Councilman Ross suggests letter go out to each department for them to choose members.

Councilwoman Bordewich drafted a press release dated March 15, 2006 seeking more volunteers with an interest in Zoning and ZBA openings.

Supervisor Blum Bump reads the resolution to have Greenplan prepare the official map. Supervisor Blum Bump moves to accept the resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich.

Supervisor wants them to start the process. Let's start the process – paid for by the grant. Marcy Appell questions what is going to be on the map. Questions whose idea it was.

Supervisor Blum Bump states to prepare the official map, they need to start the process for the Grant. The map is only of that one road between where Hannaford Road ends to Glen Pond connects out to Route 199.

The map is of the connector road.

Marcy Appell would like wording of the resolution clearer possibly a better description. Questions why a resolution for this? Maps should be dated. Motion for Greenplan to begin process of the official map (survey, engineering)

As far as official map, Al Trezza suggests we ask Greenplan to 1 – define it 2- how it is adopted, 3 – what goes on it?

On motion of Councilman Ross, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich we ask Greenplan to define it, how it is adopted and what goes on the official map.

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

Nays 0

RESOLUTION 2006 #13

RE - Resolution to send Dutchess County Planning (John Clarke) plan/grant proposal plan to the Red Hook Town Planning board for review and comments/suggestions.

On motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross that we send Community Development Block Grant Project to our Town Planning Board for review, comments and suggestions.

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

RESOLUTION 2006 #14

RE – Resolution to fund the Red Hook Seniors Club an additional \$465.00.

On a motion of Councilman Harold Ramsey, seconded by Councilman James Ross resolution was

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

Board discusses extra cost for transportation – Councilman Ross feels a letter should go to the seniors before our next budget so they can recommend what they need.

Councilwoman Crane... in town budget noticed that Senior Services committee has no money allocated, while other committees have \$1500 budget. Would like that changed, should be in A Fund, not B Fund. Supervisor Blum Bump to check into that.

RESOLUTION 2006 #15

RE – Resolution to sign letter to the Honorable Joe Knollenberg that the Town of Red Hook is willing to serve as Municipal sponsor for Historic Hudson Valley in the event that Transportation, Community, and System Preservation Program (TCSP) funds are awarded to improve vehicular and pedestrian access to Montgomery Place, a property of Historic Hudson Valley in Annandale-On-Hudson.

On a motion by Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey resolution

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

RESOLUTION 2006 #16

RE - Resolution to fund the CAC and the Tree Committee \$200.00 to be used for the purchase of tree seedlings from the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District. The seedlings would be given to residents as part of an Arbor Day Celebration. One of the criteria for becoming a Tree City USA is that the municipality must hold an Arbor Day celebration. We are hoping that this will be an inter-municipal event.

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

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

Supervisor Blum Bump read Resolution to revise the Zoning Fee Schedule to put in place a fee of \$50.00 for the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Board said fee should be refundable when Building Permit is complete.  
Supervisor Blum Bump thinks it may be too much paperwork.

Councilman Ross...we already increased the building fee within the last year, doesn't feel we should charge an additional fee, however charging up front then can go along with this.

Councilwoman Bordewich...let's ask our Business Manager for comment, than have further discussion.

Resolution tabled.

Supervisor Blum Bump read Resolution allowing the Landsman Kill Trail Association trail access as requested except on the Annual Fishing Derby Day.

Supervisor Blum Bump waiting for a call from NYMIR.

The Board questions will this be a health issue, or a maintenance burden and we should go back to the Rec. Commission with our concerns.

Resolution tabled for next workshop

Community Preservation Act – Councilwoman Crane asks AI to look at the Bill presented last night, it's a draft of the Bill specific to the Town of Red Hook by Senator Saland.

Supervisor Blum Bump reads the resolution to amend highway specs to include traditional neighborhood roads.

Supervisor Blum Bump spoke with Ted Fink – first paragraph will be changed to the date when the highway specs were originally adopted

Councilwoman Crane...travel lanes will be 11 feet wide agreed no two lane street should be less than 22 feet wide.

Supervisor Blum Bump motions to amend the highway specs with the modifications. Councilman Ross wants to see modifications in print before they make a motion and pass it.

Resolution tabled.

Supervisor Blum Bump read resolution to set Public Hearing for proposed Moratorium on new subdivision of large lots in Agricultural Preserve for April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Hook Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, N.Y.12571.

Councilwoman Bordewich suggests having next workshop initial informational session.

Councilman Ramsey...information should be gotten out to the public – have a couple of public comment sessions, then would be willing to set Public Hearing.

Councilwoman Bordewich agrees.

Councilman Ramsey would like to see April 18th comment session.

Councilwoman Crane...public comment period on April 4 – should notify landowners who are going to be affected by this

Councilman Ross does not want to rush this. Have informational hearing but he is not in favor of a Public Hearing on this. Feels there are more pressing issues than this.

Supervisor Blum Bump suggests we vote on Resolution to set a Public Hearing for April 18, 2006.

Supervisor Blum Bump reread resolution to set Public Hearing for proposed moratorium on new subdivision of large lots in Agricultural Preserve for April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Red Hook Town Hall, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich.

Leo Sieverding...the landowners that would be affected have to be notified. Don't rush this, inform the public.

Councilwoman Bordewich would like a full informational presentation to the public – would like to amend the resolution.

Councilman Ross – we should wait until after the informational hearing before setting a Public Hearing.

Supervisor Blum Bump withdraws resolution.

Mailings should go out after March 22<sup>nd</sup> workshop.

Paul Fredricks said map needs to be looked at. A large parcel on the map is already divided into 9 lots.

Jeff Ackerly... property owners should be notified of meetings – have to be kept informed – suggests a press release. Look at the big picture – home purchases offers are down 60% because of high prices of homes. These proposals create atmosphere of no affordable housing. You need to reach out to people and get the information out to them.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey moves to set an informational meeting on the proposed moratorium on the new subdivision of large lots in the Agriculture Preserve on April 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Town Attorney Albert Trezza gave St. Margaret update. Supervisor Blum Bump signed contracts. The Title Policy should be obtained. Al recommends buying title insurance up to the value of the property (\$1500 approx.) I would like our assessor to put a value on it. Final documents should be received soon.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

##### Planning Board-

Councilman Ross reported.... St. Margaret's subdivision from Hannaford was approved, new business for minor subdivision, discussion on zoning revisions.

##### Zoning Board of Appeals-

Councilman Ross reported ZBA had 3 reviews and 1 public hearing. Councilwoman Bordewich refers to letter from Mr. Williams about Sunrise Drive/Yantz Rd. Councilman Ross explains what a gabion wall is. We should send this to our new Zoning Review Committee and have them look at details on stone walls. Councilwoman Bordewich...should we write a response to resident? Supervisor Blum Bump to draft a letter to Mr. Williams about the gabion wall.

##### Senior Services Committee-

Councilwoman Crane reported the Senior Services Committee is sponsoring a workshop regarding Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan. There will be two speakers on April 11, 2006 at Red Hook High School beginning at 9:30 a.m. Call Office for the Aging 866-486-2555 to make an appointment.

##### Purchasing Department-

Councilwoman Crane...there is no purchasing report.

##### Water Department-

Councilwoman Crane...Water Board meets tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Crane asks about letter dated 2/17/06 classifying Diana Picciano as either Senior Clerk or Deputy Assessor– Supervisor Blum Bump said that we'll discuss it at another workshop.

Councilman Ross also suggests the Water Board weigh in on the horse trail.

Town Attorney Al Trezza – did Supervisor call Rick Trotti to ask for extra help? Supervisor Blum Bump will speak to Mr. Orlando about Mr. Trotti helping.

##### Highway Department-

On motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross move to accept Town Ordinance governing parking on Town roads.

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

Signs are now authorized to be put up. The Highway Superintendent has been notified that we have set aside a workshop on April 10th for him and our engineer to discuss the specs for the Highway Garage.

##### Recreation Dept-

Councilman Ramsey reported the winter program is concluded and the summer program is underway – spring prep work is being planned, the new John Deere front mower has been ordered. They are looking for a new Assistant Groundskeeper applications are being accepted at this time. Snack Bar work is being done and Jim Tuton is the new operator of the snack bar this year. Volunteers of Recreation and Trail Committee, along with a number of High School students, went out this weekend and began clearing 550 feet of the trail from Apple Ring Rd. towards the Rec Park. With that clearing they are almost ready to start the actual work on the wetlands bridge.

#### Disaster Preparedness-

Councilman Ramsey gives Disaster Preparedness Report. Thanked John Douglas who attended the Supervisors and Mayors meeting on behalf of the Town. That meeting had two topics pertaining to the Town, Changing Times in the Fire Service, and another report on County Animal Response Teams. John brought back information to us. We have also been considering establishing a Disaster Preparedness Committee. The members to be included on that are the Highway Superintendent, RH Fire Co member, Tivoli Fire Co member, Red Hook Police Force member, a School Board member, one member of the Red Hook Ministerium, member of Bard College, and three members at large. Since it is a law we are changing suggests we set up a Public Hearing.

On motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross suggests Public Hearing on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of modification of Section 8 in one of our Town Codes.

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

#### Economic Development Committee-

Councilman Ramsey reported on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00, in the Town Hall, Theresa Haney is coordinating a workshop on how to use the internet to grow your business. On March 25, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Elmendorph – Glynwood Keep Farming presentation.

#### Building and Zoning-

Councilwoman Bordewich reports that during February 10 building permits were issued one single family- total amount in permit fees was \$634.00., 41 inspections, will continue to close certificates of occupancy.

Councilwoman Bordewich ...we hired Lisa Whalen as the new Director for the Summer Language Institute. We will get information out in the next couple of weeks.

Supervisor Blum Bump gave the Grant update.

Youth Recreation Grant- monies received 3/13/06 - \$3,598; Community Development Block Grant- have received a total of \$31,117.70, Community Development Block Grant-Perx Property amount of grant is \$150,000; Qualities Communities Grant-to analyze a range of growth strategies amount of grant is \$32,000; Conflict Resolution/Peer Mediation- monies received \$3,175; Legislative Member Item Grant (wetland trail project) amount of grant- \$25,000 must be expended by June 30, 2006 and the Village to Village Trail Grant- awarded \$7,000 received \$3,750 balance pending.

Councilwoman Bordewich... The RFP for the Town Attorney went out and the deadline is March 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discusses the Save Americas Treasures grant program. Supervisor Blum Bump spoke to Winty Aldrich and she will bring it to St. Margaret's Task Force.

Councilman Ramsey... the grant deadline is the middle of April, the grant pertains to Historic structures of National significance believes that Red Church Cemetery Association will be applying for the National Grant. It's a fairly sizable Grant. Supervisor Blum Bump should check with Victor Cornelius. Grant should be applied for by April 18, 2006.

Supervisor Blum Bump thanked Councilwoman Crane for bringing it to her attention.

Town Attorney Al Trezza – Whatever happened to the road dedication on Glen Ridge Road? Our Town Highway Dept and Engineers have addressed all three complaints.

Councilman Ramsey asks if this is straightened out can we get this on our next meeting. Supervisor Blum Bump will discuss with Al Trezza and Wayne Hildenbrand.

On motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey moves to adjourn meeting at 10:50 p.m.

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

After the meeting closed Harry Girdlestone from New York State Real Property Services presented an Excellence in Equity Award.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan McCann, Town Clerk