

**Public Hearing
Disaster Preparedness**

A public hearing was held April 11, 2006 at 7:15 p.m. at the Red Hook Town Hall 7340 South Broadway.

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

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. with the reading of the Public Hearing Notice to establish the Disaster Preparedness Committee.

Supervisor Blum Bump read Local Law No.1 2006 a local law amending Part I Administration Legislation Chapter 8 Disaster Preparedness Committee of the Code of the Town of Red Hook.

The public hearing is opened to comments from the public.

Councilman Ramsey explains that this law establishes membership of this committee, what we have done is change the make up of the committee.

Supervisor Blum Bump...the County has encouraged the Town to look at the Disaster Plan. I'd like to thank the Disaster Plan Task Force for working diligently to help rewrite our Disaster Plan.

No one else wished to comment.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey the public hearing is closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk

The Town Board of Red Hook held a Business meeting April 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall 7340 South Broadway.

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

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with the Pledge.

The Town Board honors Red Hook resident, Mrs. Mildred Waters on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Rose Rider, Chair of the Senior Services Committee in Red Hook offered congratulations and best wishes to Mrs. Waters. Councilwoman Crane read special proclamation in honor of Mrs. Water and thanked Councilman Ramsey and Town Clerk Sue McCann for working on the Proclamation for this special event. Mrs. Waters thanked everyone for the honor – proclamation copy attached.

Supervisor Blum Bump reads the Supervisor's monthly statement for March 2006.-copy attached

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilwoman Crane move to accept the Supervisor's Report for March 2006 as read.

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

Privilege of the Floor

Linda Keeling... Wednesday, April 5th meeting was cancelled at 12 noon. We need better notification. There was a quorum. It should not have been cancelled.

Tom Stash...reported a zoning violation. Since then letters have been written, petitions signed concerning the Towing Business. I report he is still in business. What's the plan? What's the time frame? Approximately 15 people in the audience for this situation. Councilman Ramsey said our Attorney wrote a cease and desist order. Councilwoman Crane...5 days for him to stop after he receives Attorney's letter. Supervisor Blum Bump ...We have to follow legal procedure. Councilman Ross...it will be a civil suit if it goes to court. H & N Towing has a certain amount of time to respond. Councilwoman Bordewich ...if he's in violation of our zoning code and doesn't stop we take him to Town Court.

Mike Carr...is this being handled by Keane & Beane? Supervisor Blum Bump responds yes Joel Sachs is handling this.

Harry Williams – Here to speak out against gabion wall in residential neighborhoods. They should not be allowed. Glad it is referred to Zoning Review Committee.

Charles Horrocks...wanted to weigh in on Cokertown Rod and Gun Club. He is very much in favor of getting rid of the club. Always noisy, they use semi-automatic weapons. I'm in favor of shutting down the club.

Larry Thetford...lived on Spring Lake for 22 years, and for 20 years it was relatively quiet. The last few years there has been use of semi-automatic weapons. The use and noise has become quite significant. If the noise continues I'm going to ask for a reval because my property will depreciate.

Nora Prentiss... read letter from Michael Rohatyn resident for four years. There are loud, shooting noises close by and respects the tradition of hunting however finds the constant shooting alarming and disturbing. They would like the Board to address this problem.

Steve Cahenzli...my property borders the gun club; I've been a resident for 10 years. The noise is disturbing. I have 10 acres of property, 6 acres are useless because I can't let the kids go to the back of the property because of the club and it's just getting worse and worse every day. It's every day not just Sundays.

Paul Knag...property borders the Rod and Gun Club. Has three children and just put his house on the market because of the hazard of the gun club.

Rich Biezynski...talked to a Gun Club member and was told it is police training for the Red Hook Police.

Supervisor Blum Bump closed the public comment period.

Town Clerk McCann read Town Clerk monthly report for March 2006.

Town Clerk McCann reported 1054 recycle permits have been sold. She will also be attending the N.Y.S Town Clerk Association Conference April 23rd-26th however the office will be open and covered by Deputy Town Clerk.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the EDC is sponsoring an Internet Marketing Seminar from 10 – 12 noon on April 19, 2006 at the Red Hook Town Hall. Arbor Day in Red Hook will be on April 29, 2006

Mr. Horkan, resident with attorney Mickey Stiman who will speak for the Horkan family on the Rod & Gun Club. This is a zoning matter. Mrs. Horkan donated property for low impact use. The Rod & Gun Club is a zoning problem. Gun Club is not in

compliance with zoning laws the amount of acres is too small and they don't comply with setback requirements. They are grandfathered in if use is in compliance with zoning and ordinances and that use does not it has become more intense. You have heard from the neighbors it was originally for a turkey shoot and a little fishing. Now there is a pistol range going 7 days a week almost 12 hours a day. Membership has increased dramatically. The Attorney presents large picture of parcel. Building permit was issued for a new structure (club house), didn't believe C.O. was ever issued. Attorney explains problems with building placement. The Building Permit describes the new structure as a shooting center of 1800 sq ft. A pistol range has to be on 50 acres or 200 feet from any property line. This is not 50 acres. The pistol range is much more intensive and has become a nuisance to the community. Membership has increased; it's no longer a rod and gun club but a pistol range. It is a zoning problem and should not be permitted. No berms – liability issue.

Councilwoman Bordewich...have you contacted anyone from the Rod and Gun Club and asked if they use it for a practice facility or if they would change their practices.

Mike Horkan ...there is a time and a place for guns. He has spoken to them several times over the last five years and was told to get ear plugs. I am a Police Officer and I can assure you there is no police department using this property for a firing range, police wouldn't have to rely on this parcel for shooting. This has gotten out of hand. My mother is trying to sell her house and can't because of the club. She feels betrayed since she donated the land a long time ago.

Councilman Ramsey asks Mr. and Mrs. Horkan...has it been worse in the last few years?

Mike Horkan responds yes, this was never my father's intention.

Councilwoman Crane...your advice is very good for the Town Board. In order to curb this it's a zoning issue. We have to follow that line of action. This is an enormous danger to people who live in that area.

Councilman Ross asked if building permit was in 1991. Attorney answered that the building was begun without a permit. Councilman Ross said that we will pursue the issue. Increased building and intensity, not cooperative with neighbors. Will recommend to our zoning officer to issue a cease and desist order.

Supervisor Blum Bump...the next step is going to the site and documenting the time and nature of the firing of the guns.

Councilman Ramsey...as Jim just said our attorneys have already started the process and they are recommending a cease and desist order.

A presentation of Red Hook School Budget for 2006 given by Bruce Martin and Don Gottlieb who gave a brief summary. Superintendent Jan Volpe retired and Bruce Martin is interim Superintendent until June. Bruce turned presentation over to Dr. Don Gottlieb who is the interim Business Official. Board trying to balance two issues, obligation to provide education to children to give them opportunity to compete in global economy, and at the same time they have to be cognizant of the demands on the taxpayers. The budget vote will be May 16th. Primary budget – employees are 71% of budget. Health insurance is almost 11% of our budget. Fuel and fuel related items major percentage increase (51%). Budget maintains existing program. Will be eliminating one 3rd grade teacher because the population has been decreasing and one school psychologist, will add two reading teachers and one computer technician. The school district is trying to contain the costs of the special education program. BOCES – no new services requested.

Councilwoman Bordewich – do we know what the tax levy will be?

Dr. Gottlieb answered no at this point in time we look at state aid projects.

Councilman Ross asks if fund balance will be factored back into Budget.

Dr. Gottlieb responds yes, it's legally mandated.

Al Trezza asks about Capital Improvement issues. Bruce Martin...nothing in this budget except usual business, etc.

Linda Keeling – have you checked into solar with NYSERTA to offset some heating costs.

Rich Biezinski – worried about capital expenditures. Maybe we need to annex from other area's (Milan, Livingston, etc.)

Dr. Gottlieb – not aware of the state breaking apart school districts.

Jonah Triebwasser – asks if special services will still be offered.

Dr. Gottlieb...there is sufficient staff.

Bruce Martin – School population has remained level over the last three years. Enrollment district wide has leveled off overall.

Board thanks the school for presentation.

Resolution to revise the zoning fee – Supervisor Blum Bump reads memos dated 2/24/06 and 4/11/06 from building inspector.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross move to discuss the proposed \$50.00 fee.

Councilman Ross asks why Steve Cole was not here. Supervisor Blum Bump... Mr. Cole unable to attend tonight.

Councilwoman Bordewich...support \$50.00 up front or \$50.00 to be refunded.

Councilman Ross...we raised building permit fee which should include the CO fee. Building permits should be followed up by inspector. They should be charged if building permit has expired.

Councilwoman Bordewich... we are not charging more if making the \$50 refundable.

Supervisor Blum Bump...Bob Fennell is chasing down C.O.'s. We should respect the request.

Councilman Ramsey...doesn't understand how charging someone money up front is going to give them more of an incentive to get a CO. Refundable might give incentive.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross move to support the CO fee requested by Bob Fennell and Steve Cole dated 2/24/06 in order that people would call for a final inspection and therefore be issued a CO.

Vote- Aye
 Nays 4 Ross, Crane, Ramsey, Bordewich
Supervisor Blum Bump did not answer.

RESOLUTION #17 2006

RE: \$100.00 Refundable Certificate of Occupancy Fee

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

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

Resolved that we have \$100.00 refundable C.O. fee in addition to the building permit fee to be fully refundable provided they obtain their C.O. while the building permit is still legal and valid.

Outdoor Furnace Moratorium – tabled – Supervisor Blum Bump presents assessment of outdoor wood fired boilers to be left in the Conference Room in case anyone wishes to look at it.

Intermunicipal Task Force Report – Bill O’Neill presents – task force has been meeting on a weekly basis. Proposed sketches are just about finalized hopefully will be ready by April 28th meeting. Propose to have members of the EDC, Chamber of Commerce and the Red Hook School District attend beginning in May, every one of those Task Force meetings. We have a request from the Village of Red Hook for a feasibility study for sewers.

Councilwoman Bordewich... On April 18th we are having an informational meeting on potential subdivision moratorium will you be leading the Task Force in that presentation. Development and conservation should be presented by the Task Force.

Deputy Supervisor O’Neill...we have been invited to participate.

Harry Colgan, member of Task Force...so much of the work is work in progress so giving anyone a report at this point gives an impression of an end result in mind. It’s purely a work in progress and we need time.

Marcy Appell...questions is the moratorium going to happen and then you are going to be study it or are you studying it and then a moratorium.

Bill O’Neill – individually we can’t give our opinion because we represent the municipalities within the town of Red Hook. Zoning Law has to be changed to accommodate the density. TDR has to be addressed.

Saint Margaret’s Home – Town Attorney Al Trezza ready to close – has the Title Policy. Deed is being prepared. Title person asked about path on north edge of property adjacent to the building – is it an encroachment? Supervisor Blum Bump says it’s on our map, and no, it’s not a problem. Grant hinges on us being on National Historic Registry.

The Town Board set Public Hearing for eleven conservation easement applications hearing for Thursday, April 27th; however it is a Court night. Should we move meeting to Conference Room? Move to Monday April 24th? Supervisor Blum Bump...it is not imperative the applicants come to the meeting. Public Hearing will be set for April 24th and a special Town Board meeting. The motion will be made later in the meeting after Supervisor figures out time frame.

Silver Ribbon Tour –

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump seconded by Councilwoman Crane for discussion move to fund the Silver Ribbon Tour for \$5,000.

Councilwoman Bordewich and Councilman Ross would like a report from them-make a request for accountability. Supervisor Blum Bump said this is a reimbursement so they will be giving us the bills. The Board did not understand that it was a reimbursement and not just a check.

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

RESOLUTION #18 2006

RE – Sign Contract with C.T. Male Associates for an \$8,000 Feasibility Study.

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

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

Resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to sign contract with C.T. Male Associates for the Town to fund \$8,000 for a feasibility study.

Councilman Ross...just so the public knows this is married along with Bill's Working Group who is looking for zones for the TDR, so along with the Village this is a good idea to do this study for possible sewer district areas.

Councilman Ramsey...this has been a topic of discussion at the EDC meetings- a lack of a central sewer.

Supervisor Blum Bump reads a memo from Business Manager, Deb Marks on feasibility dated 4/5/06.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane move to set the Public Hearing on the eleven conservation easement applications five minutes apart April 24, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Bouchardy	7:30 p.m.
Cooper	7:35 p.m.
Eng	7:40 p.m.
Eng	7:45 p.m.
Fennell	7:50 p.m.
Gabler	7:55 p.m.
Haney/Salazar	8:00 p.m.
Odom	8:05 p.m.
Riffenburg	8:10 p.m.
Schreiber	8:15 p.m.
Thetford	8:20 p.m.

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

There will be a Special meeting following the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

Councilman Ross asks if we can have a County map of these parcels.

Supervisor Blum Bump...the law says that there needs to be 10 acres besides the three acres of undeveloped land, that land is eligible – does not say developable land. The assessor applies a value accordingly.

Supervisor Blum Bump reads amendments to the Community Preservation Act.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross move to make changes to the proposed Town of Red Hook Community Preservation Act.

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

Councilwoman Crane will send to Senator Saland office.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation Committee-

Councilman Ramsey reported...cleanup of field's underway; work has been done on the trail. Summer program planning is on going.

Disaster Committee-

Councilman Ramsey reported that we already covered most of this.

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump move to pass Local Law #1 2006 the establishment of the members of the Disaster Preparedness Committee.

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

EDC-

Councilman Ramsey reported the EDC along with the Red Hook Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring an Internet Marketing Seminar on April 19th in the Red Hook Town Hall. EDC is looking at the TDR program. They are also working with the N.Y. S Small Business Development Center to explore opportunities. They are also exploring possibilities of a potential conference center/hotel in Red Hook.

Highway Department-

Councilman Ramsey reported the Highway Superintendent needs authorization to go out for bid on the following paving projects; Pitcher Lane, Metzger Road, Oriole Mills Road and Old Post Road. We have already approved the funding he just needs authorization to go out to bid and would like to open the bids on May 9th.

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross move to authorize Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildebrand to go out to bid for 4 projects.

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

The Boards consensus is to stay with Morris Associates for the Highway Garage. We have asked them to do a constructability review of our plans, will provide a rendering of the building and a sketch plan of what the building will look like on both the front and back parcel. They will also do a cost analysis of overhead radiant heat versus floor radiant heat. They will also investigate geothermal.

Supervisor Blum Bump...we'll also be looking at one alternate site.

Tivoli will host a river cleanup on April 23rd in sponsorship with Scenic Hudson.

On April 29th Rebuilding Together with Christmas in April

Recycling-

Councilwoman Bordewich reported...recycling permits sales are brisk. Goods exchange is not a dumping ground. TJ would like dead tree's removed. Thanked Al Trezza for donation to the recycling center.

Councilwoman Bordewich...we are proceeding with setting interviews for Town Attorney. I attempted to reach Ted Kudzy today about the Fiscal Analysis so far we have received four.

Red Hook Water District #1-

Councilwoman Crane reported there will be hydrant flushing on Thursday, May 18th from 1 – 5 p.m.

Purchasing-

Councilwoman Crane reported on purchasing activity Feb. 15th – April 10th – 52 purchases orders amounting to \$62, 129.04. Tree trimming and brush work was completed at the well site on Willowbrook Lane.

Ted Kudzy prepared RFQ for Town Attorney – received 7 applications – set interview dates in executive session.

Ted Kudzy will be working with PANDA installing a sound system for public meetings in the court room. Will use small office to mount controls.

Senior Services-

Councilwoman Crane reported Senior Services Committee held successful meeting on Medicare Prescription Plan. They will also have counselors at the Library, please call Dutchess County Office For Aging to set up an appointment.

Perx Site – almost clean. Looking to developing as soon as declared clean. 48 units starting this year, and applied for additional funding for 48 more units. In second phase there will be commercial development.

Attorney – maybe we should screen applicants before interviewing. Give feedback to Councilwoman Bordewich.

Planning Board-

Councilman Ross reported a few things were put off at the applicant's request. They also discussed a couple of projects at length.

Zoning Board of Appeals-

Councilman Ross reported the ZBA will meet tomorrow night with three public hearings and one appeal review.

Councilman Ross questions about Anderson Commons Sewage Works Corporation request for resolution to approve their transportation company. Supervisor Blum Bump sent to Keane & Beane, did we communicate this back to the applicants. Supervisor Blum Bump brought it to the Planning Board for comments. Councilman Ross said the Town Board approves that, the planning board approves the project.

Town Attorney Al Trezza...this is a legal issue, not a planning issue.

Councilman Ross...this is a health department issue – approved sewage system needs approval for Transportation Corporation. Our attorney Joel Sachs reviewed on March 29th and we still haven't responded to the applicants.

Councilwoman Bordewich reads memo from Joel Sachs. We need more information.

Councilman Ross said how are the applicants going to know we need more information if we haven't even responded to them yet. This was sent to Joel without any of the Board knowing about it.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane with no further business the meeting is closed at 10:10 p.m.

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

Retiring Town Attorney Al Trezza thanked the Town Board – enjoyed every minute of his time as Town Attorney and will continue to be involved in Red Hook.

Councilwoman Bordewich hoped he felt adequately appreciated at his retirement party which she enjoyed.

Councilman Ross...sincerely from the bottom of our hearts thank you Al.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk