

Special Community Meeting

A special community meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was held August 7, 2006 at the Red Hook Firehouse, 42 Firehouse Lane, Red Hook at 7:30 pm.

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

Also present: Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill, Tivoli Mayor Marcus Molinaro, Michele Greig of Greenplan, Inc., John Clarke Dutchess County Planning and approximately 106 residents.

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag and welcomed the public. This is a community meeting: Presenting the Vision: The Red Hook Centers and Greenspace Plan".

Supervisor introduces Bill O'Neill the chair of the Intermunicipal Task Force. Chair O'Neill thanked Bucky Coon and the Fire Department for the use of the firehouse. The Town of Red Hook Land Use, Conservation and Development Working Group Report of July 13, 2004 presented to the Town Board a 3 point strategy for enhancing Red Hook's rural character and tax base.

Strategy #2 was to identify and plan development districts in and adjacent to the Villages of Red Hook and Tivoli, and the Hamlet of Upper Red Hook, answering the question where should growth occur, where should development be concentrated.

To accomplish this strategy the Town Board of Red Hook and the Village Boards of Red Hook and Tivoli, in June, 2005, created an Intermunicipal Task Force comprised of a cross-section of officials of the Town of Red Hook and the Villages of Red Hook and Tivoli. This Task Force has been meeting regularly since June, 2005 and has prepared, in conjunction with the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development and Greenplan, Inc., an initial public presentation of its preliminary recommendations.

John Clarke, Dutchess County Planning and Development gave a power point presentation on Centers and Greenspace Plan.

Breakout Session: Public will move into smaller groups for discussion.

Tivoli Mayor Marcus Molinaro...we need to look at development in order to preserve open space. We want to hear what you think; let's look at our master plan and possibly shift development.

Michele Greig of Greenplan Inc...when we break into smaller groups we would like you to answer three questions- do you think this plan makes sense and why, what are 3 characteristics of the plan you like and what are your concerns of the plan.

Chair O'Neill announces the tentative schedule for the next community meeting is September 18th. Chair O'Neill thanked everyone for coming and participating and invites everyone to the community meeting in the future.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich move to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk