

A workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook on September 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilwoman Jean Bordewich @ 8:02 p.m.
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Town Clerk Susan McCann
Also Present: Deputy Supervisor Bill O'Neill
Town Attorney Christine Chale

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of the 5th anniversary of 9/11/01.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that Hardscrabble Day will take place on September 16, 2006, and that we set a date for the 2nd Intermunicipal Task Force meeting for September 28, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at the Firehouse.

PROPOSAL REGARDING RED HOOK TOWN AQUIFER PROTECTION (from Russell Urban Mead)

Supervisor Blum Bump would like to ask the two Villages to share the cost of the proposal. She would ask that each Village pay 1/3 and the Town would pay 1/3. Deputy Supervisor O'Neill said the SEQR review will need the proposal from Russell Urban-Mead. He will take our numbers from sketch plans, and then he'll let us know if we have enough water for the proposed developments.

Councilwoman Crane...is this going to affect Tivoli; is this a study of Tivoli or just Red Hook?

Deputy Supervisor...the Tivoli wells are outside the village and the wells for the village of Red Hook are also outside the village.

Councilman Ross would like to have a concrete number before we ask the Villages to pay a share. Our Town wells are on the same aquifer as the Village wells whereas the Tivoli wells are not.

Councilman Ramsey asks if Russell Urban Mead can break down the study to wells in and around Red Hook and in the Tivoli area. The Village of Tivoli might pay for a study on the wells in their area, but not want to pay for a study on our aquifer. He agrees with coming up with a cost first. Councilman Ramsey asks if Mr. Urban Mead will also be doing a study for individual wells in the Town of Red Hook. Will he add all the well studies as one cost?

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill said there were three sources, one from original work on the well head in 1989, the second in 1993, the Dutchess Water Protection Plan was sent around, but never adopted. The language in there still applies. Based upon that they did a draft for the first town in the County, Amenia, to adopt a water protection plan. Dutchess County Water and Waste Water Authority has a report having to do with individual septs and wells, and the recharge rates in eastern and western Dutchess. If he could take the data for Red Hook, it would be between the \$8,000 - \$15,000 range, and we could have it by the end of October. Russell Urban Mead said he could do it. He presented the report at the last Intermunicipal Task Force meeting.

Councilman Ross would like to see his proposed contract, his proposed cost to us, and the Amenia model, before we ask the Villages to be on board with us.

Supervisor Blum Bump...Councilwoman Bordewich would also like Bard College to share in the cost of this study.

CELL SITE (8951 Red Hook West)

Attorney Chale said that Cingular’s representative (broker) contacted Debbie Marks and said they were interested in renegotiating some things. They are looking at consolidating sites in the context of a merger. Attorney Chale told the representative that we never got a proposal so she gave him a copy of their lease. She has yet to hear back.

MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WINNAKEE LAND TRUST, THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE UNIFICATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Attorney Chale will make sure we are clear on the responsibilities and who carries them out. For example, is it a group of volunteers or is the Town? Attorney Chale also requested a copy of the easement for this maintenance agreement.

Supervisor Blum Bump asked Attorney Chale to call Michael Haggerty or Sally Mazzarella.

Councilwoman Crane would like to know what the responsibilities are as joint trail managers. In one area they call it co-managers, in one area maintenance. They call on the Town of Red Hook as well as Winnakee Land Trust. Councilwoman Crane thought that Winnakee Land Trust was going to manage the trail and she is very concerned about that.

Supervisor Blum Bump says the liability is not on the Town. New York State has coverage and Winnakee has an added policy and has added the Town.

Attorney Chale will look into this further.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross, move to go to executive session regarding performance and evaluation regarding assessor.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich move to close the executive session.

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

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich move to reopen the workshop meeting.

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

HIGHWAY SPECIFICATIONS AMENDMENTS

Michelle Greig said that Councilman Ramsey, Highway Superintendent Wayne Hildenbrand, and Ted Fink from Greenplan Inc. met several weeks ago to try to resolve some of Wayne’s concerns regarding the proposed highway specs. The prime revision that the Highway Superintendent would like to see is a revision to the subdivision regulations. A revision that would specify that the Planning Board, when deciding what road type and road width, would consult with the highway superintendent, fire district and school district. It would be a small change and alleviate a lot of his concerns. In regard to the 20’ wide road with no parking as long as there were mandatory sidewalks, mountable curbs and that the streets would have to be posted with no parking signs. In regard to the 24’ wide road with parking on one side, the zoning already requires mandatory off street parking.

Supervisor Blum Bump asks how this sits with the Dutchess County Planning Commission.

Michelle Greig...they commented on the connector road, not the highway specs.

Supervisor Blum Bump is pushing for the traditional neighborhood roads to be added so we can expend our Community Development Block Grant money and so that we can apply for the Community Development Block Grant for 2007.

Michelle Greig said it is a very rare occasion that a Town Board would decide the kind of road, that most of the time it will be the Planning Board's decision.

Attorney Chale would like the language to be very clear.

Michelle will re-write regulations with Town Attorney's help.

Councilman Ramsey asks us to confirm our changes and go back to the Highway Superintendent one more time so that he is in on what we want. He also said that we need to change the subdivision regulations.

Supervisor Blum Bump would like a workshop entirely devoted to Highway Specs in October.

Councilman Ramsey asks what the Community Development Block Grant and the Highway Specs have to do with each other.

Councilman Ross ... we haven't used all of 2005's, none of 2006's, and we are going to apply for 2007?

Supervisor Blum Bump answered that was correct. There isn't too much leg work to do with landowners at this point. 2005 money was for surveying, engineering and placing on the official map. 2006 is for the building of the road from Hannaford to Hardscrabble. 2005 funds must be used before 2006 funds are used. Supervisor Blum Bump already requested an extension for 2005 funds. She wants the highway regulations in place before we build our road.

Councilman Ramsey is still confused about how wide the road is when we don't know where it's going to go. Until we know where it's going, what difference does the width make? The landowners should know how wide the connector road will be.

Councilman Ross questions the idea of 20 foot road with curbs.

Councilman Ramsey clarified that the Highway Superintendent would prefer no curbs but if they are needed they must be the mountable curbs.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she spoke to most of the landowners.

OPENING OF PUBLIC BIDS FOR "TENNIS COURT & BALL FIELD BACKSTOP FENCING"

Tennis Court Bids and Ball Field Backstop are opened and read as follows:

Oakwood Fencing	\$31,000 (\$28,000)
Carjen Fence Co. Inc.	\$85,753
Red Hook Fence	\$25,770
Mohegan Assoc.	\$42,350
Mohegan Assoc.	\$45,850
Adams Fences Inc.	\$41,885

Town Clerk McCann said the procedure is to give the bids back to Ted Kudzy for review.

ZONING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT FOR TENTS & OTHER MEMBRANE STRUCTURES

Supervisor Blum Bump asks for discussion in order to clear this matter. The State has regulations that we haven't really followed.

Councilman Ross questions what size tents are we talking about.

Councilwoman Bordewich asks if this is a safety issue. It seems we are just talking about fees. Maybe a fee should be per visit rather than per tent. If the inspector goes out, that's a fee, no matter how many tents on the property. Let the Building Inspector decide what defines a tent.

Councilwoman Crane said that if it's a tent that stays up for a commercial purpose, as like a farm stand or something that stays up, maybe a \$25 fee if they need it at all. Personally she wouldn't charge them. For a special event like a Bard tent with 500 people coming into it, she feels there should be a fee.

Councilwoman Bordewich said the issue is what they are going to charge. That comes down to a manpower issue.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that the inspectors are trying to comply with State law.

The Board discusses possible fee schedule for tents.

Councilman Ross would like a round table discussion with the Building Inspector and come to a conclusion.

DUTCHESS COUNTY DEPT. OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE: RESOLUTION ADOPTING NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

Councilman Ramsey said they want a resolution accepting NIMS. It says we've agreed to adopt NIMS and wants us to define who our emergency managers are, all those people have to go to classes, and then we have to accept this.

Supervisor Blum Bump read a copy of Tivoli's resolution, inserting the Town of Red Hook instead of the Village of Tivoli. She will rewrite this and send it in.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ross move to accept the resolution adopting NIMS.

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

D.C. SUPERVISORS & MAYORS ASSOCIATION: RESOLUTION REGARDING MANDATORY WATER TESTING.

Supervisor Blum Bump said the association wants us to vote regarding mandatory water testing.

The Board discusses the resolution but decide there is too much information to make a decision.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORKING GROUP REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

Deputy Supervisor O'Neill said they've been meeting every week and are discussing the tools to be presented at the September 28th meeting.

WEBSITE

Supervisor Blum Bump read a portion of Purchasing Agent Ted Kudzy's letter regarding the website. We got the actual cost of the proposal and questioned if this would have to go through the purchasing procedure.

Councilman Ramsey said these are two separate figures. Adding the two was a mistake.

Councilwoman Bordewich said it happened because it was the same client, different functions, but the same client.

Supervisor Blum Bump asks everyone to think about it before their next meeting, because we have to sign a contract.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that three important issues are coming up:

- The budget
- Workshop with highway specs
- Moving forward with the CPA

Councilwoman Bordewich asks about the Farmland Protection Program.
Supervisor Blum Bump is asking for an up-to-date version.

Councilman Ramsey said that the Fire Companies asked to be put on our 19th of September agenda, because of the deadline they are looking at. He told them that he would try to get them on.

Supervisor Blum Bump said she will put them on an agenda.

Councilwoman Bordewich feels there are more pressing issues to come up with for the agenda. She wonders if there is enough time to get the public here for it.

Councilman Ramsey said he'd try to get them ten minutes on the agenda. We've cancelled two meetings this month.

Supervisor Blum Bump said we are scheduling the first Tuesday of the month, the second Tuesday of the month, which we call our business meeting, and the Monday in between. We are not canceling meetings. We are not scheduling meetings for every date possible. There is a big difference between not scheduling 5 plus meetings a month and going around telling everyone that she is canceling meetings.

Councilman Ross...we owe it to our Volunteers to hear them.

Councilwoman Bordewich suggests getting something in writing from them now, then putting them on the first workshop in October.

Councilman Ramsey said they want this month because of deadlines and time frames. It will be a 10 – 15 minute presentation.

Supervisor Blum Bump asks who is working on the committee

Councilman Ramsey answered Chief Hilbrandt, Chief Hildenbrand, President Bucky Coon, and he's not sure who else is on the committee.

Supervisor Blum Bump told him to have them ask her in writing to be put on the agenda.

Councilman Ross said this has been going on for 2 years. We the Board set the agenda, lets give them 10 minutes.

Supervisor Blum Bump, said she is the one who sets the agenda, she will put them on, but not that agenda.

Councilman Ross...no they entire Board sets the agenda.

Councilman Ramsey offered to send their e-mail addresses so that Supervisor Blum Bump can e-mail them directly with a date to be put on the agenda.

Councilwoman Bordewich said she would like to address affordable housing for Volunteer Firefighters.

On a motion by Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich, move to close the workshop meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk