

A special 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 December 20, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump
Councilman James Ross
Councilwoman Sue Crane
Councilwoman Jean Bordewich
Councilman Harold Ramsey
Town Clerk Susan McCann
Also present: Town Attorney Christine Chale
Business Manager Debra Marks
Absent: Deputy Supervisor William O'Neill

Supervisor Blum Bump opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Business Manager Debra Marks stated that this is the final business meeting for this year and all vouchers need to be signed. Ms. Marks had also submitted a letter dated December 19, 2006 with an attached resolution and asked the Board to consider.

RED HOOK REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE.

Supervisor Blum Bump said that the Board has received letters of interest from three candidates for the position of Red Hook Representative to the County Legislature, David Seymour, James Hart and Michael Carr.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Bordewich for discussion move to nominate Mr. Hart.

The Supervisor asks Mr. Hart if he would like to say anything before the Board discusses. Mr. Hart introduced himself, gave his background and community service. A lifelong resident of Dutchess County he is currently retired and has previously served as County Legislature from 1976-1988. He's a moderate and likes to listen to both sides and feels some of the key issues are: taxes, jail at a county level, planning, pollution (water), coordinate public services, volunteer fire service and support of community college. He feels he is aware of county issues.

Supervisor Blum Bump asks each Board member if they have any comments or questions.

Councilman Ross...no comments

Councilwoman Crane...I knew you as a principal, didn't know you were a Dutchess County Legislator. When did you come to Red Hook?

Mr. Hart...1990. I served as Legislator from 1976-1988

Councilman Ramsey...before we vote on anyone I would like to hear from the other candidates.

Councilwoman Bordewich...you presented your issues very well and it is heartening to know that if he was appointed that he could get right to work on the issues. You have a broad knowledge of county issues which is significant.

Supervisor Blum Bump... glad you came forward and offered to serve as County Legislature. I think you are qualified and could serve our community well.

Supervisor Blum Bump read Michael Carr's cover letter and resume, received on December 19th. Mr. Carr has previously interviewed for Town Attorney and Town Justice.

David Seymour introduced himself. He's been a Village resident for 31 years and for the past 30 years has been involved in local government. He is presently a Village Trustee. He formed the Village Green Committee. He would like the guidance and trust of the Board. He'd be happy to answer any questions.

Councilman Ross has no questions. I know the work Dave has done in the Village.

Councilwoman Crane...I've worked with Dave especially with the Senior Housing at the Perx property. It was a pleasure to see David's efforts on behalf of the seniors. The county is important to the Town. We go to them on a regular basis. We need the County Legislature, the County Executive to work with us and we are deeply appreciative of everything that has gone before on our overall Town and Village site plans. I am very confident that David has the background, experience, expertise and ability to work intermunicipally.

Councilman Ramsey has no questions

Councilwoman Bordewich thanks David Seymour for all his work in the Village. Are you going to continue your Village Trustee seat if you go on to the County Legislature? Dave Seymour ...I'd like to stay on as Village Trustee, however if the work load becomes too much I may reconsider.

Supervisor Blum Bump thanked Dave for offering to serve on the county level and said she appreciates his work on the Intermunicipal Task Force.

There is no further discussion.

Vote on motion to nominate Mr. Jim Hart

Motion denied	Ayes	2	Bordewich, Blum Bump
	Nays	3	Ross, Crane, Ramsey

On a motion of Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Councilman Ross move to appoint David Seymour as County Legislator to fill the unexpired term of Marcus Molinaro.

Adopted	Ayes	3	Ross, Crane, Ramsey
	Nays	2	Bordewich, Blum Bump

Councilwoman Bordewich states that she wishes Mr. Seymour well and that she knows he will do a fine job, but she supports Mr. Hart.

Supervisor Blum Bump states that she appreciates working with Mr. Seymour, but supports Mr. Hart as well. She then congratulated Mr. Seymour and said she looks forward to working with him.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRAIL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIFICATION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, WINNAKEE LAND TRUST AND THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

Attorney Chale explained that this is a volunteer maintenance plan. It is a revised version of the original contract provided by Winnakee Land Trust.

Councilwoman Bordewich asked the term of the agreement.

Attorney Chale said the term of agreement is 7 years.

Councilwoman Crane asks what the trail maintenance is that we committing to. If it is not monetary, what is it?

Attorney Chale answered that it's a continuation of the voluntary efforts of the Trail Committee. There is a maintenance plan being developed in cooperation by the three parties. You have a termination right.

RESOLUTION 2006 #89

RE: Approving a Trail Maintenance agreement between the Unification Theological Seminary, Winnakee Land Trust and the Town of Red Hook.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to approve the Trail Maintenance agreement.

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

RESOLUTION REGARDING EXECUTING THE CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC BID FOR A VACUUM STREET SWEEPER

RESOLUTION 2006 #90

RE: Authorizing the Award of Vacuum Street Sweeper Contract.

On a motion of Supervisor Marirose Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Harold Ramsey move to execute the contract for the purchase of the sweeper.

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

REGARDING THE LAST BUSINESS MEETING OF THE YEAR.

Supervisor Blum Bump read a letter from Business Manager Debra Marks, dated December 19, 2006 regarding the New York State Employees Retirement System for Town Board members. She asks for a resolution changing the days worked per month from 6 to 19.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ESTABLISHING DAYS WORKED PER MONTH FOR TOWN BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE NY STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Business Manager Marks said this is for retirement purposes. It's been so grossly out of line and it's been over 10 years since it's been looked at. After reviewing it she was quite shocked and felt it needed adjustment.

Councilwoman Bordewich feels that 19 days is too much.

Councilman Ross hasn't given it much thought before this evening. If we average on a year round basis, possibly 15 days.

Councilwoman Bordewich would be more comfortable with that number.

Councilwoman Crane ... no less than 16 days if it's a 6 hour day.

Councilman Ramsey...could agree to 15 days.

RESOLUTION 2006 #91

RE: Establishing days worked per month for Town Board members who are members of the New York State Retirement System.

On a motion of Councilman Harold Ramsey, seconded by Councilman James Ross, move to amend the resolution establishing days worked per month from 19 days a month to 16 days a month.

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

Deb Marks asked to have vouchers signed. She will post accounts payable and receivable.

Supervisor Blum Bump would like to give the State of the Town address on January 9, 2007 during the Business Meeting.

Supervisor Blum Bump announced that the Reorganization meeting will be a workshop on January 2nd, workshop on the 8th, and Business Meeting on the 9th.

Attorney Chale suggested discussing at the reorganization meeting that all of our meetings are Business Meetings. You do business at all of your meetings.

Councilman Ramsey feels that all of the meetings should be announced as Business Meetings and not Workshops because the impression the public has of a Workshop is that decisions are not made.

Supervisor Blum Bump ...we try to make voting decisions at the second Tuesday of the month meeting. I think that's fair.

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilwoman Crane, move to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. for the discussion of the negotiations for the purchase of recreational land.

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

On a motion of Supervisor Blum Bump, seconded by Councilman Ramsey, move to adjourn the Executive Session.

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

On a motion by Councilman Ramsey, seconded by Supervisor Blum Bump, moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McCann, Town Clerk