

**Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Susan Simon - Chairperson

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present** - Susan Simon-Chairperson-Zoning Review Committee;  
Sam Phelan-Planning Board; Anne Rubin -Conservation Advisory  
Committee; Steve Cole-Code Enforcement Officer; Chuck Simmons –  
Community Representative; Marcy Appell – Community  
Representative; Christopher Klose- Economic Development  
Committee; Doug Dundas –Village of Tivoli Trustee;

**Members Absent** – John Douglas-Zoning Appeals Board; Brent Kovalchik-Village of Red  
Hook Trustee

**Liaison** – Bill O’Neill - Town Board Liaison;

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Sam Phelan made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted; seconded by Marcy Appell . **ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED - None.** April minutes accepted as submitted.

The Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Chris Klose made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted; seconded by Marcy Appell. **ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED - None.** May minutes accepted as submitted.

**Parking Regulations**

Anne Rubin is researching the Storm Water Manuals of Connecticut and New York with regard to parking lots. She would like to compare the two and will be speaking to the person who worked on the Connecticut manual and will try to locate someone to speak to regarding the New York manual, as well as speaking to someone at the New York State Department of State and find out what is involved in order to refer to a Water Quality Manual from Connecticut and not New York, if we go that route. If the Planning Board asks, we need to let them know that, at this time, we are looking at both Connecticut and New York and deciding which reference manual will be referring to in the Parking Regulations.

Lengthy discussion took place regarding storm water runoff pertaining to driveways. The decision was made to attach information on this subject to the Building Permit Applications that are available at the Town Hall.

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The Committee reviewed, at length, the Parking Regulations and made changes where applicable.

Sam Phelan made a motion to revise the document, circulate it to the Committee, and if all members are in agreement with the Draft Parking Regulations, draft a referral letter to the Planning Board.

Motion seconded by Marcy Appel.

**ALL IN FAVOR OF DRAFT PARKING REGULATIONS AS REVISED.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Review of Noise Ordinance**

The Committee had reviewed the documentation provided regarding noise ordinances. Doug Dundas feels that the issue that needs to be addressed is enforceability of the Law and commented that the Tivoli's Law is an excellent one that provides good provisions that protects people's peace and quiet but it needs to be enforced.

Doug stated that noise ordinance is not a high priority issue for Law Enforcement at all and the equipment that measures the sound is a big issue in that it is not accurate. Nuisance complaints can also be judged without a decibel meter but it is very subjective.

Susan Simon asked what is going on that this subject needs to be addressed. Steve Cole reported that there are complaints of barking dogs, college students, and construction equipment starting up early in the morning. Red Hook's law needs to be worked on and the Committee is in agreement that Tivoli's Ordinance is one that we should look at. The Committee also agrees that before they look at this and make recommendations, they would like to know if the Town has anything in place to enforce this law based on how the ordinances are written. The Committee would like to know, before spending a lot of time on Noise Ordinance, is the equipment (decibel meters) going to be provided and the proper training of Police Officers provided? If so, then this Committee will visit the Law and make their recommendations.

Steve informed the committee that enforcement is going to be the problem with the Noise Ordinance issue. Steve recommends the Committee look at the Town of Poughkeepsie's Ordinance and Tivoli's and pick the best from both and enter that into Red Hook's Noise Ordinance under General Statements.

Noise Ordinances are to be reviewed by the Committee and will be the first Agenda item to be discussed at the July meeting.

**Wind Mills/Solar Panels**

This will be discussed at the July meeting and Susan may arrange for a speaker to attend and talk to the Committee on Wind Mills.

**Committee Members**

Susan announced to the Committee that Lindsay Shute is unable to be on the Zoning Review Committee due to a conflict with her growing season. If the Committee cannot find a replacement for Lindsay, Susan suggested that maybe Lindsay can join us after her growing season winds down.

**NEXT MEETING - July 8, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Klose, seconded by Marcy Appell. **ALL IN FAVOR.** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Simon  
Chairman – Zoning Review Committee

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