

Town of Red Hook Zoning Review Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Susan Simon opened the meeting at 7:10 pm

Members Present - Susan Simon-Chairperson-Zoning Review Committee
Steve Cole-Code Enforcement Officer
Brent Kovalchik-Village of Red Hook Trustee
Michael Zelig - Conservation Advisory Council
Jeff Kaiser - Community Representative

Members Absent

Chuck Simmons – Community Representative
Sam Phelan - Planning Board
Ken Migliorelli - Ag. & Open Space Committee
Michael Robertson - Community Representative
Christopher Klose- Economic Development Committee
Bill O’Neill - Town Board Liaison

Guest

Nick Annas - Zoning Board of Appeals

Old Business

The Minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Steve Cole made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Brent Kovalchik.

ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED - None. Minutes approved as submitted.

New Business

Susan welcomed our two new Committee members - Jeff Kaiser, Community Representative and Mike Zelig, Conservation Advisory Council Representative.

Susan asked if “Fences” were presented to the Town Board and asked where we are with that issue. Steve Cole responded that Fences were presented to the Town Board and it has been passed as law.

Nick Annas from the Zoning Board of Appeals came to the meeting with questions. Chairman Susan Simon referred him to the Zoning Review Committee Liaison Bill O’Neill.

Food Trucks

Susan Simon reviewed the background on Food Trucks for new members Jeff & Mike stating that the Town of Red Hook has no ordinances for them. Susan noted that their popularity is growing and Red Hook does not want to prevent them from being here due to having nothing that is enforceable in the event there is a situation where a business is jeopardized by a Food Truck. The ZRC wants to encourage Food Trucks and make it a viable business in the Town of Red Hook.

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Mike added that he used to work for the County Health Department and the first thing that needs to be done is to make sure that there is compliance with the State Sanitary Code. Steve commented that this would be in the section of the law that the ZRC wants to enact. Mike inspected Vending Trucks when working for the County Health Department so he will be able to provide valuable information in this process.

Steve said the problem now is that Red Hook has nothing on the books as far as vending trucks, food trucks, concession trucks, so if there is not a definition in our Zoning Law, it is not allowed. He has many people coming in wanting to know if they can set up a vending truck and he has to tell them no because we have nothing in place for that type of use. The ZRC's purpose is to establish a use definition and a law allowing Food Trucks in Red Hook.

Steve provided the committee with Vending/Food Truck information from City of Hudson, Village of Saugerties, Town of Poughkeepsie and California. The Committee will review the definitions from the above and work to adopt a definition and law suitable for Red Hook.

The Committee must identify what Zoning Districts they will be allowed in so it can be incorporated into the Town's "Table of Uses". Steve will recommend where he feels they would be appropriate.

Day/Weekend/Temporary Permits were discussed and Mike suggests having an Annual License and a Temporary License good for 72 hours, which covers a weekend. If parking on private property, permission from the property must be presented at the time of applying for a permit.

The area that the Committee will be working with is Town only, not the Village. Brent noted that the Village does not have a law for vending.

Susan asked Linda to e-mail the definitions to everyone and come to the next meeting prepared to choose one to incorporate into our Law and to have location ideas in mind. Steve said he will bring a Zoning Map to identify Zoning Districts.

Steve mentioned that instead of creating all of these uses in different Zoning Districts, he would like to have the vendors come on a specific date to a specific location with their trucks. This would eliminate the Town issuing permit after permit during the Spring, Summer & Fall. Permits would be issued in the beginning of May for the Season.

NEXT MEETING - June 9, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Brett Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael Zelig.
ALL IN FAVOR. OPPOSED-None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Simon
Susan Simon, Chairman
Zoning Review Committee