

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2020

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened by Zoom Videoconference due to COVID-19 pandemic stay in place rules at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Robert McKeon
Councilmember William O'Neill
Councilmember Christine Kane
Councilmember William Hamel
Councilmember Jacob Testa
Town Clerk Deanna Cochran

Also Present: Attorney Christine Chale
Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke

Supervisor McKeon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

-Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County will be holding their 2nd Annual Ice Cream & Back to School Giveaway on August 31st from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., located at 44 E. Market Street, Red Hook. Call 845-876-1611 for questions or concerns.

-The recreation parks hope to open on Wednesday, September 2nd.

-Stony Brook culvert project will hopefully conclude the beginning of next week.

Notifications will go out with the exact opening days of the Rec. Park and Stony Brook Road.

-Streetlight Replacement Project – a project we have been working on for some time which will enable us to take over the streetlights and to replace them with LED lights. It will put us in control of the type of lighting we have and also allow us to put in environmentally-friendly lighting, saving money for our tax payers. Construction will start later in the fall and should expect it to take a couple of week's time before they swap out the street lights.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

The Supervisor's report dated July 31, 2020 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$7,315,115.90; Receipts - \$2,001,825.18; Disbursed - \$2,946,078.13; Balance - \$6,370,862.95. He also mentioned the variance reports and budget adjustments that were suggested by Bookkeeper Ann Conway. He also said many of those adjustments were related to moving monies into the capital accounts to pay off the projects that are underway. He added that the revenue streams that are part in parcel to our budgets and our operations here and we're looking at sales tax revenue and we spoke about March, April and May, we've received the July numbers from the comptroller's office. June was a little better but July, unfortunately is down further than June was. We are paying attention to those revenues and we will factor that in when we start our budgeting process for 2021 which will begin very soon.

On a motion of Councilmember Testa seconded by Councilmember Hamel moved to approve the Supervisors report and budget adjustments.

Adopted Ayes 5 McKeon, O'Neill, Kane, Hamel, Testa
 Nays 0

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN CLERK TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ICE CONTROL ABRASIVES, A REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS FOR HOT MIX ASPHALT, AND A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR 2021

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution and asked Highway Superintendent Burke if she had anything to add. She did not.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 37
DATED: August 26, 2020**

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WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent of the Town of Red Hook has requested that the Town proceed with advertising for highway materials and services required for 2021 including: (i) request for sealed bids for ice control abrasives; (ii) request for sealed bids for hot mix asphalt; and (iii) request for proposals for various materials and services, in each case pursuant to specifications substantially in the form on file with the Town Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook does hereby authorize and direct the Town Clerk to advertise for requests for sealed bids and a request for proposals as directed by the Highway Superintendent, in accordance with the foregoing specifications.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, was convened in public session via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as amended, on August 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., local time. A live transmission was available to the public as described in the notice of meeting attached hereto. The meeting was recorded and a full transcript is required to be prepared to the extent required by such Executive Order.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert McKeon, and, upon roll being called, the following members were (Note: Where members are marked Present, specify whether In Person at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY, via Videoconference, or via Teleconference):

	Present	Absent
Supervisor Robert McKeon	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember William Hamel	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember Christine Kane	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember William O'Neill	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VIA videoconference	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:
Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town, VIA Videoconference

The following resolution was offered by McKeon, seconded by O'Neill, to wit;

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The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember William O'Neill	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING: Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

At 7:45 p.m. Supervisor McKeon opened the Public Hearing with the reading of the public hearing notice regarding proposed changes to Chapter 63 & 64, “Dogs” and “Dog Parks.”

Supervisor McKeon asked Attorney for the Town, Chris Chale and Councilmember Hamel to describe the changes to both chapters of the code.

Attorney Chale began by saying the majority of the changes have to do with removing the concept of the dog park entry tag from the dog park provisions. A lot of the changes are related to that. We are changing the provisions regarding redemption fees to allow for additional redemption fees relating to shelter costs, food and veterinary costs, to the extent that the dog is seized and then including the typical impoundment fees and administrative fees that were previously provided. There separate resolution from now on that we will get approved every year when you are approving the rest of the fees for different types of things such as building permits that you will look at so you can update on an annual basis.

Councilmember Hamel asked Attorney Chale about removing the requirement that the dogs have to wear a special tag on their collar when they are in the dog park.

Attorney Chale said that seemed to be determined by the folks that were administering the tags that it was somewhat unwieldy, and they made the decision that as long as the dogs were properly licensed, that would be sufficient.

Supervisor McKeon made a motion to close the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by O’Neill.

Ayes 5 McKeon, Hamel, Kane, O’Neill, Testa
Nays 0

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 38
DATED AUGUST 26, 2020**

AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. A (PROPOSED) OF 2020, A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 63 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, ENTITLED ‘DOGS’ AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, ENTITLED ‘DOG PARKS’

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Local Law A (Proposed) of 2020 entitled “**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 63 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, ENTITLED ‘DOGS’, AND TO AMEND CHAPTER 64 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK, ENTITLED ‘DOG PARKS’**” was presented to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook at a special meeting held on July 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook on July 26, 2020, setting a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on August 26, 2020 at 7:45 p.m. at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York, to hear all interested parties on said proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the official newspaper of said Town, on August 1, 2020, which is not less than ten calendar days prior to the date of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on August 26, 2020 at said time and place, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed local law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the proposed local law is best described as a local legislative decision concerning routine administration and management constituting a “Type II” action, not requiring review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to adopt said local law, in the form attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby adopts said Local Law A (Proposed) of 2020, now referred to as Local Law No. 1 of 2020, entitled “Local Law No. 1 of 2020; A Local Law to Amend Chapter 63 of

the Code of the Town of Red Hook, entitled ‘Dogs’, and to amend Chapter 64 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook, entitled ‘Dog Parks’” in the form attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and

2. The Town Clerk hereby is directed to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Town Code of the Town of Red Hook, to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York, and to take all other actions as may be required by law.

Local Law Filing

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
99 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALBANY, NY 12231

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

Town of Red Hook
Local Law No. A (Proposed) of 2020

A local law to amend Chapter 63 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook, entitled “Dogs,” and to amend Chapter 64 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook, entitled “Dog Parks”
Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

The purpose of this law is to modify regulations regarding the control of the dog population in the Town of Red Hook, the Town of Red Hook’s means of enforcing said regulations, and the use of municipal dog parks, including the dog park established within the Town of Rhinebeck town park at Oriole Mills Road in the Town of Red Hook. This law will clarify existing dog control regulations, provide the Town of Red Hook additional means of enforcing said dog control regulations, and will better facilitate the public use of dog parks for recreation and enjoyment

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 63, DOGS.

Subsection D of the Town of Red Hook Code Section 63-15, Seizure of Dogs; Redemption Periods; Impoundment Fees; Destruction of Unredeemed Dogs, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- D. An owner redeeming their dog shall pay impoundment fees as set forth in a fee schedule established by resolution of the Town Board. Such fee schedule may thereafter be amended from time to time by resolution. In addition to the aforementioned fees, the owner redeeming their dog shall pay all reasonable expenses incurred as a result of said impoundment. Expenses include but are not limited to shelter, food, and veterinary costs necessitated by the seizure and/or handling of the dog in accordance with this Chapter and/or Article 7 of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 64, DOG PARKS.

§ 3.1. Subsection A of Section 64-8 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. All dogs shall have valid dog license attached to the dog.

§ 3.2. Subsection E of Section 64-8 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook is hereby amended to read as follows:

- E. Any enforcement officer may issue a written notice of violation against the handler of a dog that exhibits aggressive, dangerous or vicious behavior within a dog park and may further issue written notices of violation against any handler who fails to act in accordance with this chapter and any additional rules and regulations governing dog parks adopted by the Town. Upon issuance of a notice of violation, the dog and, in the event such notice is issued against a handler,

the handler, shall be prohibited from entering any dog park unless and until final adjudication of the matter. In the event an adjudication results in a determination that the dog is a dangerous dog within the meaning of Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law, the dog shall not be permitted to return to any dog park. Causation of actual physical injury is not a prerequisite to issuance of a notice of violation. Any individual who enters a dog park following receipt of a notice of violation, but prior to final adjudication of same, shall be subject to prosecution for trespass under this state's Penal Law, in addition to the enforcement provisions of this chapter and all other applicable laws.

**§ 3.3. Section 64-10 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook is hereby amended to read as follows:
Section 64-10. Dog Park Entry Requirements.**

- A. Each dog entering a dog park shall have a current dog license and tag issued pursuant to Article 7 of the state's Agriculture and Market Law. The dog license tag shall be attached to the dog's collar, and such collar shall remain on the dog at all times while in the dog park or moving to or from the dog park.
- B. Owners and handlers by making use of the dog park agree to hold the Town of Red Hook and its officers and employees and recognized volunteers harmless from any liability for any injury or harm to any person or dog incurred or caused by any person or dog in connection with use of any dog park.

§ 3.4. Subsection A of Section 64-11 of the Code of the Town of Red Hook is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Failure to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a violation. Each and every separate violation of the provisions of this chapter is a violation and upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed fifteen (15) days for a first offense. Maximum fines shall be \$750 or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days for a second offense and \$1,500 or imprisonment not to exceed thirty (30) days for a third or greater offense occurring, in all events, within eighteen (18) months. In addition, and notwithstanding the foregoing, any dog, owner or handler that is found to have violated this chapter three (3) times within eighteen (18) months, shall be permanently prohibited from using or entering any dog park.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this law is held invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this law.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect immediately after it is filed with the Secretary of State as provided in section twenty-seven of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

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The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town, VIA Videoconference

The following resolution was offered by McKeon, seconded by O'Neill, to wit;

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Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING: Aye
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The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

Supervisor McKeon asked Attorney Chale to explain the resolution.

Attorney Chale explained that Ann is taking the lead on bringing this forward. Last year we adopted a version of the recommended Governor's policies for combating sexual harassment and this becomes a part of our employee manual. We now have a recommendation from NYMIR to update all of our policies relating to harassment and discrimination to have a consistent methodology for dealing with investigation and follow up of any kind of complaints. We also have a requirement for training of our employees and officers in these anti-harassment policies. This will become a part of the Town's employment policies and will apply not to just our employees, but to everybody who is within our workplace. It's a very significant set of policies that all employees and Town officers need to be aware of and need to comply with.

Supervisor McKeon added that it is a document that will continue to be worked on moving forward and will review each and every year as part of our policies procedure review.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 39
DATED AUGUST 26, 2020**

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN AMENDED DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT POLICY FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK

WHEREAS, a proposed policy entitled "POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT" ("Amended Harassment Policy") has been submitted to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook Employee Handbook currently contains a Sexual Harassment Policy at Appendix III and a Section entitled "Anti-Harassment", and the proposed Amended Harassment Policy will replace those sections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook hereby adopts the Amended Harassment Policy for the Town and its employees in the form on file with the Town Clerk.
2. This Amended Harassment Policy replaces the existing Town Employee Handbook Appendix III and the section entitled “Anti-Harassment”, and a written copy of this Policy shall be posted and provided to employees as provided in such policy.
3. The Supervisor and the Town’s other officers, employees and agents are hereby authorized and directed for, and in the name and on behalf of the Town, to do all acts and things required or provided by the Amended Harassment Policy.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember William O’Neill	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING: Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor McKeon introduced Ira Margulies, Deputy Commissioner of Dutchess County Board of Elections to explain to our residents the options that are available for voting – what’s new this year and what’s new as of the last couple of years as far as how to vote, in particular, a COVID year.

Mr. Margulies explained that in New York, one way you can vote is by applying an **absentee ballot** because of the fear of the transmission of the COVID-19 virus. You can apply for an absentee ballot by selecting the option, “temporary illness”, in order to express that you are trying to avoid transmitting COVID-19. You can apply through the mail, email, fax or by phone. Mr. Margulies explained the second way to vote is through **early voting**. In Dutchess County, there are five early voting sites around the county, Rhinebeck Town Hall, Millbrook Fire House, DC Board of Elections, Boardman Road Library and the Fishkill Town Hall. You can show up to anyone of the five polling sites in the county. The hours will vary, but it’s open for nine days prior to Election Day from October 24th through November 1st. On November 3rd, **regular voting** will take place like every other year. All polling sites will be open. There are six polling places slated to be open in the Town of Red Hook: Tivoli Fire House, Red Hook High School, St. John’s Episcopal Church, St. John’s Reformed Church, Red Hook Fire House and Red Hook Town Hall.

Supervisor McKeon introduced a few members from Bard College who asked that they be given an opportunity to make a small presentation regarding the consideration of a polling site being located on the college campus. Attendees were: Jonathan Becker, Executive Vice President, Adrian Costa, Bard student and Speaker for the Student Body, Sadia Saba, Bard student and working with Election at Bard, Sarah DeVeer, Center for Civic Engagement. Councilperson Kane thanked Bard for their presentation. Mr. Margulies said the DCBOE is made up of two commissioners, Elizabeth Soto and Eric J. Haight. Decisions have to be agreed upon by both commissioners.

RESOLUTION REGARDING ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 5

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.
Supervisor McKeon asked the Board if they had any further comments.
Councilmember Kane asked Mr. Margulies if he would like a copy of the Bard presentation to bring to both Commissioners.
Mr. Margulies said he would be happy to bring to the Commissioners.

TOWN OF RED HOOK RESOLUTION NO. 40 DATED AUGUST 26, 2020

RESOLUTION REGARDING ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 5

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2016, the Town Board passed Resolution No. 29 resolved that the Town Board communicate the need to locate a polling site at Bard College in order to provide safe, convenient access by the registered voters of Election District 5 (the “2016 Resolution”); and

WHEREAS, at the time of the 2016 Resolution, Election District 5 had more than the recommended number of registered voters (1,124 vs. 950) for a single district; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of voters resided at or adjacent to the Bard Campus and NYS Election Law states that the polling site should be located where the majority of voters live; and

WHEREAS, despite the Town Board’s unanimous approval of the 2016 Resolution, the polling place remained at St. John’s Church of Barrytown; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, the number of registered voters remains over the recommend number of registered voters (1,036 vs. 950);

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of voters still resided at or adjacent to the Bard Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Bard Campus is served by the Dutchess County Loop Bus System and NYS Election Law states that the polling site should be located on a public transportation route when possible; and

WHEREAS, the Bard Campus center is handicap accessible, providing fair access to all voters;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an additional and urgent need to provide a polling location which is large enough to accommodate the number of registered voters within Election District 5 with adequate social distancing measures and enhanced safety precautions;

WHEREAS, the Bard Campus has a student center which can accommodate a substantially larger number of voters with adequate social distancing, including, but not limited to, the ability to have a delineated entrance and exit to avoid cross-contact of voters, a substantially larger number of restroom facilities, and a larger room to space voting booths six feet apart;

WHEREAS, utilization of the Bard Campus would create a safer, more efficient voting experience;

WHEREAS, Bard College has previously, and continues to offer use of its facilities for voting purposes;

WHEREAS, sufficient space exists at Bard College to provide a safer voting experience and the ability to increase voter participation for all voters within Election District 5;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook communicate the need to locate a polling site at Bard College for safe, convenient access by the registered voters of Election District 5.

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RESOLUTION NO. 40
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Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember William O'Neill	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING: Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Supervisor McKeon explained the motion to appoint Rodenhausen Chale as attorneys to represent the Town in certiorari matters filed in 2020.

Occasionally there will be a legal action regarding tax assessments. When our attorney to the Town, years ago, broke off and worked for a different firm, we maintained this original firm just for this small portion of our government matters, so with the staffing that's been increased in our attorney to the Town's firm, we now have the capability to do that last bit of business with our attorneys as well. We are on the phone with them all the time, so it makes sense we go ahead and do that.

Supervisor McKeon made a motion to appoint Rodenhausen Chale as the attorneys to represent the Town in certiorari matters seconded by Hamel.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Kane, Hamel, O'Neill, Testa
	Nays	0	

Attorney Chale mentioned, for the record, to clarify for the Board that the intention is that we would have Victor continue to manage the matters that are already underway and that we are looking to deal with the new matters. We are not going to duplicate efforts in that way.

REPORTS

Assessor - The assessor's office has received two SCAR petitions on August 3rd. One has been settled and one relates to a petition filed by 25 Old Farm Road. In July they had 19 sales in the Town and Villages and they ranged from \$35,000 to \$2,050,000.

Water District – The out pumped about 30% more water both months, but according to Hank and Fernando, it was the result in one month that Bard had acquired more water and the other month, the Village was doing some testing for when the Town accommodates the Village for water. Water continues to test great. There were complaints of dirty water, but they occurred at the time when highway work was being on Aspinwall Road. Vibration from the digging caused the sediments to become loose from the water pipes.

ZBA – There was an application from College Park for two area variances to construct a 500 sq. ft. addition and Board granted to variances in a unanimous decision.

Building and Zoning – The August report showed 41 permits, 1/3 of those were pools, hot tubs, decks and porches, 34 inspections, 16 CO/CC's issues, 1 complaint and \$11,719.60 in revenue.

Police – In August there were 123 total incidents, 5 arrests and no tickets issued.

CAC – Talked about Bike Culture in Town and encouraging people to ride their bikes. There was conversation about having a bike program at the Community Center. Discussion took place on the Sustainable Community Program.

EDC – The EDC continues to meet every week on Wednesday mornings. There has been conversation as to how to promote businesses in the Village and get more foot traffic in the main area of town. The Village is having Friday night music sessions, but they have been rained out the past couple of weeks. There's hope that when Bard returns to classes, there will be more business in town. The real estate market has been moving along. There's a lot of interest in our area. There were updates on Red Hook Responds.

LWRP Advisory Committee – The group reviewed the draft maps that would support Section I, The Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary map, and Section II, Inventory and Analysis. After review of the maps, Paula would contact Community Planning and Environmental Associates with a list of items that would need to be corrected before the maps went to the Dept. of State.

Recreation Commission – They are getting ready to open the parks. The Rec. Program is busy working their way through a number of projects to get done before the reopening. The team has been very focused on maintenance for when the park does open. Picnic tables have been rebuilt and are ready. There's still an issue with the power box at the basketball courts that needs to be dealt with. The walking path around the Rec. Park East has had new stone dust put down. There are some huge dirt piles at both the east and west parks that need to be kept on site and some need to be moved to different areas. John Kuhn is getting quotes to have this dirt moved.

Regarding COVID, a sanitizer station has been ordered and will be put near the entrance of the playground. They continue to get the parking lots ready and dead trees removed. They are looking to have internet access at the Snack Bar to be used as a security system. There will be work done on the pavilion.

Tree Preservation Commission – The "14 Year" stickers have been affixed to the four Tree City signs in the town. The new Tree City flag and "14 Year" brass plaque were delivered to the Town Hall. The committee has begun the process of applying for a grant from the NYS Urban

Forestry Council. It will provide up to \$1000 in funding for tree planting to communities that have maintained Tree City USA status for 5 or more years. The Devereaux Way planting site in Upper Red Hook was mowed and trimmed again by Hop Michael.

Animal Control – There were three incidents in July involving nuisance or injured Wildlife, two unlicensed dogs running at large that they took possession of. The owner got the license and the dogs were returned.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor McKeon reported that we have letters from our Town engineer, Tighe & Bond that relates to the efforts we have to lowering the speed limits in College Park and it also relates to establishing a school zone. Hire an engineer to garner the attention of the DOT and convince that we should be permitted for approval of both of those requests. They concur with DOT that it would not necessarily be in our best interest to do a traffic evaluation for College Park. Robert shared the Speed/Volume Graph. We are asking Albany for authorization so that we, local municipalities, can make these determinations ourselves.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made prior to tonight’s meeting.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember O’Neill moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, O’Neill, Kane, Hamel, Testa
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk