

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

July 27, 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 Sue McCann

Also Present: Attorney Christine Chale
Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke

Supervisor McKeon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. This meeting was rescheduled from July 22.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The recreation park projects are coming along and we hope to have them substantially complete by mid-August.
- Stony Brook culvert is being worked on again and should be complete in the next several weeks
- Cooling center will now be at the Red Hook Community Center from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- HEAP program provides information and support for air conditioners if a resident qualifies. Income based. Contact the Dutchess County Office of the Aging.

SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

The Supervisor’s report dated June 30, 2020 was read as follows: Opening balance - \$8,052,110.26; Receipts - \$1,176,871.45; Disbursed - \$1,913,865.81; Balance - \$7,315,115.90. He pointed out minor budget adjustments in the General A Fund, the General B Fund, Highway DB Fund and “Other Funds”

On a motion of Councilmember O’Neill seconded by Councilmember Kane moved to approve the Supervisor’s report with budget adjustments.

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

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TOWN CLERK’S REPORT

The Town Clerk’s report for the period of June 1 – June 30, 2020 was read as follows: Amount remitted to the Supervisor - \$963.00; Amount remitted to NYS Ag. & Markets - \$37.00; Amount remitted to NYS Dept. of Health - \$45.00; Total State & Local revenue - \$1,045.00.

ABSTRACTS

- January Vouchers #25918 through 26033 - Total abstract - \$295,280.29
- February Vouchers #26034 through 26142 – Total abstract - \$979,791.93
- March Vouchers #26143 through 26272 – Total abstract - \$161,073.19
- April Vouchers #26273 through 26328 – Total abstract - \$50,590.33
- May Vouchers #26329 through 26430 – Total abstract - \$256,762.93
- June Vouchers #26431 through 26530 – Total abstract - \$523,982.71

On a motion of Councilmember Hamel seconded by Councilmember Kane moved to accept the Town Clerk’s report and Abstracts.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Supervisor McKeon referred to an email from resident Renee O’Neill that Board members received regarding speed studies. He said it will be addressed when they get to the correspondence section of the agenda. DOT response will be read.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION – POLICY STATEMENT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Councilmember Kane recused herself from the discussion and left the meeting temporarily. Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33
DATED: JULY 27, 2020**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook has entered into and committed to the work of the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program, an international, science-based, third-party certification program that guides communities through a customized journey to become healthy and vibrant places in which to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the Town adopted resolution No. 52 on May 14, 2019, expressing this commitment and authorizing the Town’s Climate Smart Taskforce to pursue certification in the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program on behalf of the Town; and

WHEREAS, Laurie Husted, chair of the Climate Smart Taskforce, was appointed Sustainability Coordinator, in order to establish priorities for the project and develop a plan to further sustainability goals and complete the certification process; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability Coordinator and the Climate Smart Taskforce have worked on this project in partnership with the local grassroots organization Red Hook Together, whose mission is to blend the town’s cultural, agricultural, educational, business, and tourism endeavors to create a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, this work has led to the Town of Red Hook receiving Audubon International’s Green Community Award, signifying the successful completion of Stage One of the Sustainable Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook has shown its commitment to sustainability in its own operations as exemplified in the ongoing efforts of town committees such as the Conservation Advisory Council, Community Preservation Fund Program, the Greenway and Trails Committee, the Tree Preservation Commission, the Energy Committee and the Agriculture & Open Space Committee; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the principles of sustainable resource management from Audubon International can provide a framework that will assist Town employees and elected officials in moving in a more sustainable direction; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of the Town to move in the direction of becoming a certified sustainable community, and to promote the values of sustainability with inclusion and equity as its central value, can serve as a model for others and encourage equitable economic development in our Town and region; and,

WHEREAS, through this work, community members have developed a shared vision to work together to enhance the lives of those who live, work and study in Red Hook; and

WHEREAS, through this partnership with Red Hook Together, which includes Historic Red Hook, Red Hook Public Library, the Tivoli Free Library, Red Hook Community Center, Red Hook Central School District, Bard College, and other local groups, the Town recognizes that sustainable practices contribute to strengthened relationships that build well-being, including social and economic flourishing, and increase equity for all community members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Town of Red Hook hereby endorses the principles of sustainable community development as developed through this certification process, and agrees to apply these principles whenever possible in its planning, policy making, and municipal practices.

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 -Recuse	
Councilmember William O’Neill	Via Videoconference	

Councilmember Jacob Testa		
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The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town, VIA Videoconference.
 Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke Via Videoconference

The following resolution was offered by O’Neill, seconded by Testa, to wit;

**TOWN RESOLUTION NO. 33
 DATED: JULY 27, 2020**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY
 DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

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: Recused
Councilmember William O’Neill	VOTING: Aye
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING: Aye

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

DISCUSSION – PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER 63 & 64, “DOGS” AND “DOG PARKS”

Attorney Chale explained the resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 34
 DATED JULY 27, 2020**

**ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
 ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL
 LAW NO. A (PROPOSED) OF 2020 REGARDING DOG PARKS**

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Local Law No. 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’” has been submitted to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (“Proposed Local Law”); 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 under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR), the Town Board has determined that the proposed local law is best described as a local legislative decision concerning routine administration and management under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and that adoption of this Local Law constitutes a Type II action which will not have a significant effect on the environment;

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

The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook shall hold a public hearing 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

The Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of said public hearing in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the official newspaper of said Town, on or before August 16, 2020, which is not less than ten calendar days prior to the date of said public hearing.

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 July 27, 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):

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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
Theresa Burke, Highway Superintendent, VIA Videoconference

The following resolution was offered by McKeon, seconded by Hamel, to wit;

**RESOLUTION NO. 34
DATED JULY 27, 2020**

**ESTABLISHING A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE
ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL
LAW NO. A (PROPOSED) OF 2020 REGARDING DOG PARKS**

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.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PRIVATE ROAD NAME CHANGE – MARTINS LANE
TO EDEN KNOLL**

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 35
DATED JULY 27, 2020**

**APPROVING REVISED PRIVATE DRIVE NAME FROM MARTINS LANE TO
EDEN KNOLL**

WHEREAS, the owner of tax parcel 6172-00-008190 (FM 9781, Mandara, Inc. Minor Subdivision), contacted Dutchess County Real Property Tax Services to review a proposed private drive name on said parcel, and requesting approval for the private drive name; and

WHEREAS, that Suzy Welch and John R. Musicaro, Jr., as co-trustees, as sole owner(s) (“Owner”) of the property along said driveway as shown in the records of the Town Assessor, have requested approval for a revised private drive name; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Department of Emergency Response has forwarded its letter dated July 10, 2020 indicating that there are no conflicts with the requested name;

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

The private driveway named “Martins Lane” is hereby officially renamed “Eden Knoll”, subject to the provisions of the applicable subdivision plat and site plan, and compliance with the highway specifications and other requirements of law. Appropriate signage shall be posted with the name of the private driveway and such signage shall be the responsibility of the Owner. A certified copy of this resolution shall be provided to Dutchess County Real Property Tax Services.

The Town Clerk shall send notification of this resolution to the Town of Red Hook Planning Board and the Owner.

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	Present	Absent
Supervisor Robert McKeon	Videoconference	
Councilmember William Hamel	Videoconference	
Councilmember Christine Kane	Videoconference	
Councilmember William O’Neill	Videoconference	
Councilmember Jacob Testa	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 Kane, to wit;

**RESOLUTION NO. 35
DATED JULY 27, 2020**

APPROVING REVISED PRIVATE DRIVE NAME FROM MARTINS LANE TO EDEN KNOLL

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.

REPORTS

ZBA – At the June 10 meeting a public hearing was continued for an area variance. At the June 23 meeting the Board voted on a variance resolution.

Highway Department – Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke presented the report which included school zone signage for Rockefeller Lane, a maintenance contract for the Highway Garage equipment, and Aspinwall Road construction project. She explained each project. Supervisor McKeon added that we will be looking for home rule authority regarding setting of speed limits. A budget adjustment will have to be made for signage.

On a motion of Councilperson O’Neill seconded by Councilperson Hamel moved to approve a budget adjustment for signage.

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

Assessor – The office has been finalizing the final roll for July. All BAR changes and petitions have been settled. The office reported there were 40 home sales in Town for the months of April through June.

Building/Zoning – The July report showed 32 permits, 141 inspections, 11 CO/CC’s issued, no complaints and \$8885.00 in revenue.

Police – In June there were 148 total incidents, 3 arrests and no tickets issued.

EDC – At the July 15 and 22 meetings, the committee discussed corona virus buy local campaign, gave a status report on the sewer project, an update on Red Hook Responds, virtual Hardscrabble and Tobacco Lane memo.

Recreation Commission – Tree lines were cleared of brush, limbs and debris. Construction is ongoing at Rec. Park East. Walking track and wetlands walk have been maintained and repaired. At Rec. Park West, the walkway from Aspinwall Road had been improved and paths mowed. Various upgrades are being completed.

Senior Services Committee – They continue discussion regarding transportation. The annual food drive is being held virtually. They discussed providing information regarding HEAP. Senior Outreach Initiative provides information about valuable services. Seniors throughout the Town were called to see if they needed assistance during the COVID pandemic.

Tree Preservation Commission – New trees on Pitcher Lane have been watered regularly due to the dry weather. Additionally, member Hop Michael mowed and trimmed around those trees and at the Upper Red Hook planting site near the Devereux entrance and he pruned two maples.

On a motion of Councilmember O’Neill seconded by Councilmember Kane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sue McCann, Town Clerk