

June 8, 2006 Public Hearing

The Stuyvesant Town Board scheduled a continuation of the Public Hearing of June 8, 2006 at 7:00.

The Public Notice was posted and read as follows:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE  
that the Town of Stuyvesant  
Columbia County, State of New York  
is considering a change to its  
Zoning Law  
and**

AT THE TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TO BE HELD ON

**JUNE 8, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**

AT THE TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN HALL  
LOCATED ON SUNSET DRIVE IN THE TOWN OF STUYVESANT

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD  
(CONTINUING AND CONCLUDING A  
PUBLIC HEARING THAT OPENED ON MAY 11)  
CONCERNING A THREE MONTH MORATORIUM ON  
NEW MOBILE HOME PARKS AND THE  
EXPANSION OF EXISTING MOBILE HOME PARKS  
WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE  
TOWN OF STUYVESANT ZONING LAW**

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW UNDER CONSIDERATION IS ATTACHED  
TO THIS NOTICE.

IN LIEU OF APPEARING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, WRITTEN COMMENTS MAY BE  
SUBMITTED TO LORI ENNIS, TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN HALL,  
SUNSET DRIVE, STUYVESANT, NY 12173.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS (518) 758-6248. ANY WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY THE TOWN CLERK NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON JUNE 8, 2006.

One question came from the public regarding why the moratorium was extended for only three months. Both the Supervisor and Attorney for the Town explained that due to the review and subsequent changes in the Comprehensive Plan, three months would be ample time for the moratorium.

No other comments, written or otherwise, were received. The public hearing was closed at 7:03.

June 8, 2006 Town Board Meeting

The Stuyvesant Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on June 8, 2006 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Kenneth Hummel, Councilperson Bradlee Webster, Councilperson Richard Cummings, Councilperson Ronald Knott and Town Clerk Lori Ennis.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Gerald Ennis, Town Attorney David Ross were also present.

A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster, seconded by Councilperson Richard Cummings, approved.

**COMMUNICATION:**

- **Notice from New York State Real Property** - Letter stating that Stuyvesant is now at 90.00% assessment.
- **State of New York Department of Agriculture and Markets** - Letter from William Kimball, Director - Thanking the Town for the grant application for the Farmland Protection Implementation Grant that was submitted for the Scannel property.
- **Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation** - Letter asking for advice on how to better serve non-profit groups in the area
- **Columbia County June Rabies Clinic** - The County will provide a free clinic on Saturday, June 17, 2006 at the Greenport Town Hall. Cats and Ferrets 2:00-3:00pm, and Dogs 3:00-4:00pm. Also, on Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at the Ghent Town Highway Garage. Cats and Ferrets will be at 4:00-5:00pm and Dogs 5:00-6:00pm.

A motion to accept the communications as read, and be brought up under proper heading, was made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster, seconded by Councilperson Kenneth Hummel, carried.

James Besha from Albany Engineering spoke about the Hydroelectric Plant. The Appellate Division issued an order of eminent domain. Their opinion found in the Town's and Albany Engineering's favor. Jim Besha will be contacting Brascam to make an offer. The hope is to have this completed within the next few months. They would like to start work inside this winter and hope to have it up and running by the summer.

Mr. Besha explained that the acquisition is a big step forward. Albany Engineering holds the license with the Town of Stuyvesant. This step took several months in court but as of this point, there are no other challenges. Mr. Besha and the Town are hopeful that the offer will be accepted so that the project can begin.

The Town Board congratulated Mr. Besha and his company on this major step forward.

**REPORTS**

**TOWN CLERK:**

- In the Month of May, the Town Clerk collected \$634.50 of which \$582.28 was given to the Town Supervisor.

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

- Supervisor Bertram stated that the Stuyvesant "dumpster day" went very well. All the materials were separated and sent off. Supervisor Bertram thanked the Highway Department who put in countless hours and stated "we will definitely do another one later in the year".

**CEO/ZEO REPORT:**

- Monthly report on file with Town Clerk.

- Gerald Ennis stated that he has two applications for the Town Board.
  1. The first is a mobile home application for a farm trailer. Mr. Ennis stated that the lot size is not big enough and that there is no approval from the Columbia County Board of Health. He has recently sent a letter to George Allen and has not yet received a response. The Board recommended that Mr. Ennis work with the Allen's and help him with following the proper steps.

A motion to deny the initial application for a trailer permit was made by Councilperson Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilperson Ronald Knott, carried unanimously.

2. Wayne Austin was issued a one year permit to live in a mobile home while building a residence on his property. Mr. Austin has built a barn with living quarters. Jerry Ennis gave a certificate of occupancy to the Austin's to live in the barn apartment. Mr. Austin would like to still use the mobile home as living quarters. The question for the board is "Should the board extend the mobile home permit". The board discussed the fact that the permit had expired a few months ago and that there are no plans before any board to build anything else on the Austin property. The Town Attorney stated the Austin's asked for permission to live in the mobile home during the duration of time it took to build a residence, they are living in the barn apartment and using it as a residence, therefore have exhausted the need for the permit.

A motion made by Councilperson Kenneth Hummel to deny the extension of the mobile home permit, seconded by Councilperson Richard Cummings, carried unanimously.

**DOG CONTROL OFFICER:**

- Report is on file with the Town Clerk.

**PLANNING AND ZONING:**

- Report is on file with the Town Clerk

**RAILROAD RESTORATION:**

- House Tour will be on June 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 10 houses and gardens to view. On June 10<sup>th</sup> a hand stamp will be available at the Town Hall for \$25.00. The railroad station will also be open. Councilperson Hummel stated that the plywood floors have been painted and the station looks good. Memorabilia, caps, bags, and refreshments will be available. The Reformed Church will be holding an ice cream social and Lutheran Church is having hot dogs and refreshments for people who would like to stop in after the house tour. All the money will go toward the Railroad Restoration Committee. Currently, there is \$3000.00 from previous fund raising events. This year the committee would like to finish the windows and get the electric in.

**FARMERS MARKET:**

- Marilyn Burch has been working on a farmer's market to be held at the Railroad Station on Friday evenings beginning

at 4:00pm and continuing until dark. The farmer's market will begin on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June.

- The Town Board stated that the publicity for this event was very good. There was a nice write-up in the newspaper. Supervisor Bertram thanked Marilyn Burch for all her effort.

**HISTORIAN:**

- Patricia Casey will be selling T-shirts and sweatshirts at the Town Hall on Saturday at 12:00. This money will go toward the Historic Marker.

**TOWN HALL COMMITTEE:**

- Supervisor Bertram thanked Councilmen Kenneth Hummel and Ronald Knott for the great work on the landscape around the building.
- The Garden Club is planning on planting flowers around the flagpole in the front of the Town Hall. The Town Board discussed putting money in next year's budget for the Garden Club to maintain the area.
- Councilman Ronald Knott installed a pressure switch to shut off the water pump if it should get low.
- Councilman Kenneth Hummel will get written quotes for the shed.

**RECREATION:**

- Summer Program will be from July 10<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup>. Sean Connors would like to once again run the program. Other applications or letters of intent have come from Dan Melville and Christine Hamm, both who would like to be counselors.
- Supervisor Bertram would like information on extending the fence to be closer to the tennis courts.
- Councilperson Ronald Knott repaired the picnic tables and benches at the playground. The Board thanked Councilman Knott for doing this project.

**CEMETERY COMMITTEE:**

- Councilman Bradlee Webster stated that the sign has been put up in the cemetery.
- Some of the trees are encroaching on the property and have fallen down. Highway Superintendent Kowalski and his crew have been cutting up the fallen trees. Councilman Webster recommended that Tom Barber come and look at the others to see what can be done.

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Renee Bouplon - Columbia County Land Conservancy came and spoke to the Town Board regarding George and Marie Allen's interest in the Farmland Protection Grant. Ms. Bouplon explained that the Land Conservancy would one again write the grant and hold the easement, however the Town has to be willing to put in the application. This would be the same type of application that was written for the Scannel farm earlier this year. David Ross, Attorney for the Town would write the application.

A motion to write the application and support the PDR program for the Allen farm was made by Councilman Kenneth Hummel. Councilman Ronald Knott seconded the motion, it was carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

- Supervisor Bertram explained that the Deputy Town Clerk position has been available since Cathy Knott took the position as secretary to the Assessor. Melissa Naegeli would like to take on the position. Melissa is a life-long resident of Stuyvesant.

A motion to appoint Melissa Naegeli to the position of deputy was made by Councilperson Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilperson Bradlee Webster and carried unanimously.

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW:**

- Out of 988 residential homes, 18 people came in to grieve their taxes. Nine of which were reduced, nine remained the same.

**PUBLIC HEARING;** Concerning a three month moratorium on new mobile home parks and the expansion of existing mobile home parks.

A motion made by Councilperson Richard Cummings to approve the moratorium, seconded by Councilperson Bradlee Webster, carried unanimously.

Councilperson Ronald Knott stated that the Town Board is currently working on a draft which will include travel trailers and will have it to distribute on or before the July Town Board Meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Ned DePew asked the Town Board if there has been any progress made on the resolution in opposition of the Lafarge Tire Plant.
- There was discussion about putting this kind of information on the website.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Councilperson Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilperson Kenneth Hummel, carried.

**2006 ABSTRACTS**

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

155	International T	75657.59	172	Michael Naegeli	70.00
156	Unifirst	77.40	173	Morris Assoc.	912.40
157	Otsego Iron	788.84	174	Staples	470.33
158	Mooridian	13.20	175	Wm. VanAlstyne	72.00
159	Bernard Kowalski	39.00	176	University Prod.	14.92
160	Nextel Partners	52.35	177	B. Sutherland	151.20
161	CC Solid Waste	840.84	178	Col. Co. Highway	35.52
162	Knott's Heating	268.00	179	Warren Leiser	70.00
163	Colarusso	141.07	180	M. Bender & Co.	143.70
164	Hud. Valley Gas	175.00	181	E. Biz Docs	740.00
165	Marios	445.27	182	Col. Co. Sheriff	281.32
166	Mark Fitzgerald	143.20	183	Ray Hempstead	15.92
167	National Grid	1685.63	184	Gerald Ennis	32.48
168	Xerox	137.66	185	Tal Rappleyea	1300.00
169	JoAnn Mistler	70.00	186	Treasurer	3889.43
170	C. Trowbridge	70.00	187	Independent News	178.95
171	John DeLong	70.00	188	NY Planning	150.00

189	Fred Cohn III	650.00	194	COARC	22.00
190	Betts Riedinger	94.50	195	Hud. Valley News	7.29
191	NYS Town Clerk's	50.00	196	Humane Society	610.00
192	Berkshire Tel.	302.33	197	Lori Ennis	160.88
193	Empire Alarms	21.95			

Recorded this 8th day of June 2006

Approved this 13th day of July 2006

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TOWN CLERK

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