

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Stuyvesant Town Board held their monthly meeting on September 11, 2008 at the Town Hall at 7:00pm. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilman Ronald Knott, Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer, Councilman Bradlee Webster, Councilman Edward Scott, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski and Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea. There were approximately 35 people in attendance.

Supervisor Bertram called the Town Board Meeting to order at 7:05 pm and the meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Bertram asked for a motion to approve the previous month's minutes. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Bradlee Webster and voted on unanimously. The minutes were approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ✧ Letter from LaFarge Plant thanking the town for hosting the public information meeting in August...
- ✧ Letter from Steven Taylor regarding the graffiti on Hollow Road.
- ✧ Letter from David McMillan regarding the CSX Bridge on Schoolhouse Road.
- ✧ Letter from NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation regarding an Environmental Impact Statement being prepared regarding LaFarge.

A motion to approve the communications was made by Councilman Edward Scott, seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott and approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilman Bradlee Webster to approve the bills; it was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott and passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk read her report and it's on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that they are finishing up the paving and cleaning out ditches. He also reported that the Fall Trash Day will be held on Saturday, October 11, 2008, 8:00am to 4:00pm – rain or shine.

There was a question about paving State Route 9J. Supervisor Bertram said she would check with NYS DOT.

Zoning Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

Report was given and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Dog Control Officer

Report was read by Supervisor Bertram and is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Planning & Zoning Boards

Planning and Zoning Board Secretary Shirley Narzynski gave a report that an application had been filed and approved for a Conservation Easement for the Allen property. There was also a Public Hearing held for a lot line adjustment for the Wied property – it was approved.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott reported that the August meeting was postponed and there will be a workshop meeting on September 16th at 7:00pm to discuss any necessary changes to an upcoming survey.

The Greenway Committee will hold a Public Information Meeting on October 11th at 10:00am to Noon to discuss our waterfront and our natural and cultural resources.

Next regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

Agricultural Committee

No report.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott reported that the parking lot has been done.

Railroad Station Restoration Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott reported that he has been in contact with DOT regarding the grant. Additional information is needed from the Architect for the grant and Mr. Knott will contact them.

Next meeting will be held on Sat., Sept. 20, 2008.

Cemetery Committee

Councilman Bradlee Webster reported that a limb had come down in the Butler Cemetery and that the Highway Department took care of it.

Town Historian

Supervisor Bertram reported on the Quadricentennial Committee in the absence of Historian Juanita Knott. She reported that the committee is planning a town calendar with old pictures to be sold as a fundraiser. The next meeting will be held on Sat., September 13, 2008 at 10:00am.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk, Cathy Knott reported that most surveys have been returned. She reminded everyone that there will be a public information meeting hosted by GAR on Sat., October 4 at 10:00 at the Town. She asked that people call for reservations.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that there was no meeting in September and there will be no meeting in October. There is a trailbuilding project scheduled for October 18th.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that we've received the bill from the Town of Kinderhook for the summer program and that 70 children from the Town participated. The Committee will send out feedback letters to all of the participating families.

Supervisor Bertram asked Councilwoman Gumaer if she had gotten the minutes from the meeting where they had discussed the hunting situation at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park. They will meet on Sat., Sept. 13th to decide on the issue and wording for a sign.

Supervisor Bertram asked Cathy Knott if she would be willing to run the Town Halloween Party again this year. Mrs. Knott agreed. The party will be held for Town children on Saturday, October 25th 1:00 – 3:00 at the Town Hall.

There will not be a haunted rail station this year. The Committee is discussing various other options, i.e., a scary movie night.

Chief Steven Montie from the Stuyvesant Fire Company said they will open a "haunted trail" every Saturday night in October except for the 18th. There will be nominal donation charged.

Councilman Edward Scott said the sign for the Ken Hummel Memorial Park is finished and he will pick it up during the week. He will display it in the Town Hall for a while before installing it at the park.

OLD BUSINESS

Frank Smith addressed the Board regarding the closure of the CSX Bridge on Schoolhouse Road. He then presented them with a petition asking that the Board repair the bridge – there are 139 signatures. He said he will continue to go around town to collect signatures.

Supervisor Bertram reported that she has been in contact with NYS DOT regarding the CSX Bridge and any available grants. At the August meeting the Board agreed to begin the process to be able to apply for a grant. After speaking with DOT, Supervisor Bertram reported to the Board that she was informed that there will not be any grant money available for at least 2 years. She went on to explain that this means we can't even begin the process of "getting in line" to apply for the grant until then. She reported that there may be Federal funds available on an urgency basis but wasn't sure if our need constituted an urgency.

Supervisor Bertram then read a letter she had prepared and mailed to NYS Attorney General Cuomo asking him and other elected officials for their assistance in dealing with CSX. A copy of the letter is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea made sure everyone had copies of the draft law for Wind Energy Facilities that he had prepared. He said the Board will have to hold a public hearing. Supervisor Bertram asked everyone to review the draft law to discuss at the October meeting. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for November.

Supervisor Bertram reported that she and Town of Kinderhook Supervisor Doug McGivney have been looking at various sites for the Air Quality Monitor scheduled to be installed early in 2009. They have chosen four sites: The Stuyvesant Town Hall, the Kinderhook Town Hall, Volunteer Park and the ICC Campus. Although the monitor will not detect mercury it will pick-up particulate matter.

Councilman Knott asked if we should send a letter to NYS EnCon asking to be listed as an interested party in the LaFarge Environmental Impact process. Tal Rappleyea explained that we were already listed as an interested party and that was why we had received the notice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edson Folmsbee made a suggestion that the property lines at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park be clearly marked for people who go up there to hunt. Supervisor Bertram asked if he would be willing to help. He said he would. Supervisor Bertram also said we should notify the adjacent property owners that hunting will be allowed up there during big game rifle season. Councilman Edward Scott said that the sign should specify "no climbing trees". Supervisor Bertram said that the Board had been in contact with the Sportsman's Federation last year and we should get their input again.

A motion was made by Councilman Rosalind Gumaer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradlee Webster and voted on all in favor. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Recorded this 11th Day of September 2008
 Approved this 9th Day of October 2008

TOWN CLERK	SUPERVISOR
COUNCILPERSON	COUNCILPERSON
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SEPTEMBER 2008 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

279	National Grid	1824.48		296	Tal Rappleyea	2937.50
280	Fairpoint Communications	309.35		297	Col-Greene Humane Society	305.00
281	Col Co Treasurer	4882.30		298	US Games	272.57
282	Gorman Bros	1386.88		299	Town of Kinderhook	7850.00
283	Fine Lines	275.00		300	ProPrinters	16.50
284	Empire Alarms	21.95		301	NexTel Partners	46.75
285	Schodack Septic	324.00		302	Rainbow Distributors	5.94
286	Col Co Sheriff's Office	148.68		303	N & S Supply	82.20
287	Joseph Bruno	60.30		304	Culligan	29.25
288	Carrie O'Hare	276.73		305	Grainger <i>DUPLICATE – CK NOT SENT</i>	
289	Crowne Plaza	1440.00		306	Stuyvesant Fire District #1	569.98
290	Steiner's Sports	179.95		307	Main Care Energy	1114.53
291	Pioneer Printers	800.26		308	Colarusso Blacktop	1666.74
292	Xerox Corporation	124.92		309	Northeast Auto Parts	268.66
293	Melissa Naegeli	133.00		310	Mario's Home Center	359.07
294	The Independent	28.54		311	Tractor Supply	394.86
295	Johnson Newspaper	45.73		312	Van Kleeck's, Hudson	1282.45
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