

MAY 13, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilperson Edward Scott, and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli.

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rosalind Gumaer and was approved unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Bertram said there were no communications to be read. She said that there had been a lot of letters received regarding the Ferry Road hearing and that they could be available if someone wanted copies.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the bills submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Bertram reported that the Public Hearing regarding Ferry Road had been held on May 12th. She said that while it was a long day, it was interesting to witness the process and thanked everyone who came to the hearing and participated.

Supervisor Bertram told everyone that the Administrative Law Judge who was overseeing the hearing agreed to let the hearing remain open for 30 days for written comments to be considered. Supervisor Bertram added that the letters must be in writing and cannot be email.

REPORTS:

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Kowalski was not in attendance but Supervisor Bertram reported that the Dept. has begun its paving projects around Town. She also reminded everyone that trash clean up day will be Saturday, May 15th from 8-4 and it will be held rain or shine.

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli read her financial report and it is in file in her office. Melissa also reported that she had recently attended the NYS Town Clerk's Association annual conference and had attended over 20 hours of training over the 3 days. She presented to the Board, the idea of accepting credit cards for payment of Town fees and taxes. The Board asked her to get additional information for review. Melissa will contact the vendor for additional details.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Building Inspector report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Report will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the committee had held a public information meeting regarding river access. He said that a lot of long-time residents came and shared their stories about the river.

Councilman Knott reported that he had requested a copy of the 2009-2014 Management Plan for the Hudson River Estuary plan prepared by NOAA. He added that there may be a problem with public notice by DEC.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott thanked the Stuyvesant Garden Club for the benches they donated to the town hall and are sitting on the front porch of the building.

Jean Hewig has been working on the grounds and everything is looking good. Ms. Hewig will be asked about pruning the trees close to the building.

Supervisor Bertram asked Councilman Knott if he had contacted anyone regarding the water pressure in the water. Councilman Knott said he hadn't but would.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Marilyn Burch reported that the opening day of the Farmer's Market will be May 7th and will be a movie night. Dan Schnoover will bring his reel-to-reel and show "20th Century". Mrs. Burch also reported that a full schedule of events had been completed and posted in the lobby of the Town Hall. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli added that it had been sent for inclusion on the Town Website.

Karen Hummel reported that the Ichabod Crane student art show will be held on May 14th at the railroad station from 4-7pm and that it will only be there for the one night. She added a thank you to all of the volunteers saying the display looked beautiful.

Supervisor Bertram asked residents to be aware of an increase in pedestrians since the parking will be at the Town Hall and that the Stuyvesant Fire Company will be handling the traffic control.

Councilman Knott reported that he had received an email that the grant documents had been approved by the Regional Office in Poughkeepsie and that they were being sent to Albany for approval.

Councilwoman Gumaer asked if the project would be done this year. Councilman Knott said that the project can be put out to bid as soon as the documents are approved – he added that he is optimistic about the project being done in the Fall.

The next meeting will be May 15th at the railroad station at 9:00am.

Town Historian

Historic Stuyvesant Day will be held on August 14th and there will be a "pre-sale" of items the night before the Farmer's Market. This year's theme will be "made or found at home" and Historian Juanita Knott will be encouraging residents to display items that they (or relatives) have made or found in their

homes. The display will be in the Town Hall during Historic Stuyvesant Day with the luncheon being held on the grounds. Mrs. Knott added that there will be a committee meeting on Saturday, May 22nd at 10:00am at the Town Hall to discuss further plans for Historic Stuyvesant Day.

Supervisor Bertram said that one of the ideas the committee is considering is having baseball caps made that just say "Stuyvesant" to have for sale on Historic Stuyvesant Day. Melissa Naegeli added that the Ken Hummel 5K Race will also be held and encouraged the committee to have those items available the morning of the race since there will hopefully be a large crowd in attendance.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk Catherine Knott reported that Grievance Day will be May 25th from 4pm – 8pm. The forms are available in the Assessor's Office as well as the Town Clerk's Office.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that the committee met on May 8th. She said that the committee had drafted a letter in support of Supervisor Bertram's letter regarding Ferry Road. Councilwoman Gumaer said that the letters to families regarding the summer program had not been mailed yet but she expects the process to be the same as past years where the parents call in to the Clerk's Office to register their children.

Supervisor Bertram reported that she had spoken with Kinderhook Supervisor Gratton who said they are working out a lot of the details regarding the summer program and that Stuyvesant will be contacted when the details are finalized.

Councilwoman Gumaer said that the Recreation Committee is planning to host some programs for the Summer Program kids at the Ken Hummel Park.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that during the clean up of the playgrounds there were some minor repairs that were noted. She will speak with Highway Superintendent Kowalski regarding those repairs. Councilwoman Gumaer added that quite a bit of mulch was needed at both playgrounds. Supervisor Bertram asked Councilwoman Gumaer to coordinate with Highway Superintendent Kowalski to pick up a load of mulch and distribute it between the two playgrounds. Councilman Knott added that someone should speak with Ms. Hewig to see if some additional mulch should be put down around the Town Hall. Supervisor Bertram asked Councilwoman Gumaer to give a list of the necessary repairs to Superintendent Kowalski as well. Councilwoman Gumaer added that she also wanted to speak with Bernie regarding the garbage cans and picnic tables at the sandbar.

Steve Montie said that the garbage cans at the sandbar had been removed the year before last because they were continually being overfilled and the Highway Dept. couldn't keep up with keeping them empty. He said that signs had been put up indicating that people should take their trash with them and there wasn't a problem last year.

Mr. Montie asked about the plastic that was still at the Stuyvesant Falls Playground from the skating rink. Councilwoman Gumaer said that it would be coming out but that there had been too much rain to move it yet. Councilman Knott asked if there would be a community garden at that site again this year. Councilwoman Gumaer reported that the soil wasn't good enough there but that they would be spreading some compost and planting flowers this year instead.

Supervisor Bertram reported that there had been some vandalism around town. The porta-potty at the landing playground as well as some signs on Summerset and Gibbons Roads. The porta-potty was cleaned up by Councilman Knott and the Sheriff's Dept. has been notified of the situation.

Trails Committee

Sean Cummings was not in attendance but the Committee report was read by Supervisor Bertram. The full report is on file in the Clerk's Office.

New Business

Councilman Knott reported that Chris Benfield has continued to work on his Eagle Scout project at the Overlook Park in Stuyvesant Falls. The original sign has been recreated and is waiting to be installed.

Councilman Knott reported that he and several members of the Planning Board had recently attended a training seminar held at the Community Greene Community College. He added that of all the towns in attendance we were the best represented.

Councilwoman Gumaer reported that she had attended the LaFarge Hearing in Ravena regarding their permit.

Marilyn Burch reported that there would be a dedication ceremony on June 4th at the railroad station for the placement of the Historic Plaque.

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Gibbs asked about the "766-Junk" signs that seem to be all over Town on the telephone poles and whether there was something the town could do. Zoning Enforcement Officer Gerry Ennis will contact the company listed on the posters and ask them to remove the signs.

Mr. Martin Roby asked Supervisor Bertram for an update from the County Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Bertram reported that it was a very short meeting but that they had agreed to hire a new IT Department Head because the current one is retiring. She added that there was nothing new on the eminent domain situation since the April meeting.

With no further comments from the public, Supervisor Bertram took the time to wish a happy birthday to Councilman Edward Scott and announced that there would be birthday cake at the conclusion of the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed unanimously.

Recorded this 13th Day of May 2010

Approved this 10th Day of June 2010

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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MAY 2010 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
	MAY 2010			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
151	Fairpoint Communications (339.48)	1620.4	232.68	
		5132.4	106.80	
152	National Grid (1563.16)	5182.4	1,328.80	
		1620.4	234.36	
153	Columbia County Treasurer (5745.87)	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55
154	Stuyvesant Post Office	1620.4	110.00	
155	Corner Stone Telephone Co.	1620.4	67.42	
156	Schodack Septic Service, Inc.	1620.4	108.00	
157	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (42.00)	1010.4	14.72	
		1355.2	27.28	
158	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	101.96	
159	Staples Business Advantage (193.53)	1110.4	64.80	
		8020.4	71.97	
		1410.4	56.76	
160	Schwab, Inc.	1410.4	31.74	
161	Melissa A. Naegeli	1410.4	146.00	
162	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,031.25	
163	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	124.92	
164	Morris Associates	1440.4	270.00	
165	Catherine G. Knott	1355.4	37.20	
166	Charlene Leach	6510.4	45.00	
167	Gerald Ennis	8010.4	25.42	
168	Patricia L. Casey	8020.4	15.00	
169	Columbia Land Conservancy	8020.4	30.00	
170	Unifirst, Corp.	9090.8	82.94	
171	Culligan	5132.4	26.75	
172	CarQuest of Valatie	5132.4	102.41	
173	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	7.00	
174	Mario's Home Center (156.75)	5132.4	68.75	
		5130.4		88.00
175	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		278.54
176	Tractor Supply	5130.4		67.96

177	Power Plan	5130.4		1,253.73
178	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		113.68
179	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4		1,418.49
180	Tech Air	5130.4		46.81
181	Sam's Club	5130.4		37.80
182	Lowe's (996.22)	5110.4		673.47
		5130.4		322.75
183	Robert H. Finke & Sons, Inc.	5110.4		216.00
184	Colarusso Quarry, Co.	5110.4		14,587.04
185	Farrell Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4		87.94
186	Rich Mulica	5110.4		2,880.00
187	Fleet Services	5110.4		322.05
188	Main Care Energy (3575.99)	5110.4		3,282.21
		5132.4	293.78	
189	ATR Trucking	5110.4		3,422.35
190	Andrew Broockmann	8810.4	350.00	
	TOTAL FORWARD		\$7,960.55	32,758.37