

**JULY 8, 2010**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 8, 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. Highway Superintendent Bernard Kowalski and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea were not in attendance.

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 Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Supervisor Bertram read a letter from the NYS DOT in response to her letter to Commissioner Gee regarding Ferry Road.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the communications as read and to have it filed in the Town Clerk's Office. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer and was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer to approve the bills submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Supervisor Bertram reported that there was no ruling yet from the Administrative Law Judge hearing on Ferry Road.

Supervisor Bertram reported that she had been in contact with Gene Kelly (DEC) regarding the \$250,000 G.E. settlement money that was being held by DEC for the waterfront project. Since the laws had changed and the money can no longer be used on DEC property, any waterfront project would not be able to go forward. Supervisor Bertram asked for a list of parameters that the money could be used for. Supervisor Bertram reported that the document outlined various environmental-impact projects that the money could go towards. After speaking with the Board at the workshop meeting held on July 1<sup>st</sup>, she again contacted Mr. Kelly and asked if building a salt shed would meet the requirements. Mr. Kelly said he agreed that a salt shed would meet the requirements and encouraged the Board to draft a letter outlining the scope of the project and to submit it to DEC as soon as possible. Supervisor Bertram will get the project details from the Town Engineer and prepare the letter.

### **REPORTS:**

#### ***Highway Department***

No report.

#### ***Town Clerk***

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli read her financial report and it is in file in her office. Melissa announced that the Town Clerk's Office will close on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2:45pm for the months of July and August and that regular hours will resume on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Melissa reported that the medals and trophies for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Ken Hummel 5K and Kids' 1 Mile Chicken Run had been received. She reported that in light of the tragic fire that struck the home of the Jack and Kelly Demerest and their sons a portion of the proceeds from the 5K will be donated to the Demerest family.

Fire Chief Steve Montie added that he had received the clothing sizes for the members of the family. He will get that information to Melissa and Supervisor Bertram asked that it be put on the website. Chief Montie also reported that a fundraiser is being planned for late August.

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***Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer***

Report on file in Town Clerk's Office.

***Planning Board & Zoning Board***

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

***Greenway Committee***

Councilman Ronald Knott reported Steve Winkley was at the June meeting with an update of the Ground Water Study. It is expected that Mr. Winkley will have a final report after August 15<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting will be July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

***Town Hall Committee***

Councilman Edward Scott thanked Richard Moran for pressure washing the front of the Town Hall building.

***Railroad Restoration Committee***

Marilyn Burch reported that with the help of Cal Burch, Richard Anderson, Otto Miranda and Ron Knott the signal that had been obtain by John Morra had been cleaned up, painted and installed at the railroad station.

Mrs. Burch also reported that the Farmers' Market had been drawing good crowds and that the weekly events were going over well. In the coming weeks will be a Children's Day. The Kinderhook Memorial Library will have a storyteller at the railroad station from 5-6pm. There will also be a face painter, a caricaturist, balloons, crafts and free refreshments for the kids. There will also be a 4-H day and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> a massage therapist will be at the station giving out free massages.

Marilyn requested permission to spend \$110 on advertising. She said there is an opportunity that for \$10 per week the Register Star will include the Stuyvesant Farmers' Market on their weekly list. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the request. His motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer and the motion was passed unanimously.

Councilman Knott reported that he had been contacted regarding the DOT Grant application. He was told it would be another week before any comments would be made on the plan. Councilman Knott added his thanks to the volunteers who have been cleaning up around the railroad station and added that it was looking good.

The next meeting will be July 17<sup>th</sup> at the railroad station at 9:00am.

***Town Historian***

Town Historian Juanita Knott was not in attendance. Supervisor Bertram reminded everyone that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be August 14<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this year is treasures from town and everyone is encouraged to bring something in for the display that will be in the Town Hall. Items should be brought to the Town Hall on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> and the display will be set up that evening. The annual picnic will be held at the Stuyvesant Landing playground and will begin at noon.

***Assessor's Office***

Assessor's Clerk Catherine Knott reported that all was quiet. She reminded everyone that if they are going to turn 65 years old during the year they are eligible for the exemption for the entire year.

***Recreation Committee***

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that the July meeting will be held on Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that there were currently 58 kids signed up for the Kinderhook program from Stuyvesant. She said she will be meeting with the program director to look over the Ken Hummel Park to plan for a field trip. Ideas for a field trip will be discussed at the meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> as well as plans for the Ken Hummel 5K.

***Trails Committee***

Sean Cummings reported that there was not a meeting in June. The meeting that is scheduled to be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> will be a trail clean up project at the trails opposite Lang Road.

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Mr. Cummings reported that National Grid had come to Kinderhook to look over the areas that are being requested by Kinderhook to use as part of the trail system. Mr. Cummings commented that the Town of Kinderhook is committed to the trail project.

***Dog Officer***

No report.

***New Business***

Marilyn Burch thanked the Stuyvesant and Stockport Fire Companies and Chief Montie for their help in getting the flag pole at the bottom of the hill on Route 26A at the railroad station repaired so a new flag could be hung.

Supervisor Bertram reported that the discussions were continuing on the improvements to the highway garage. She added that the Town Engineer will be at the August meeting with a presentation on the proposed project.

Supervisor Bertram announced that the LaFarge Public Meeting will be pushed back to September but will be held at the Stuyvesant Town Hall.

Supervisor Bertram reported that Columbia County is no longer part of the lawsuit regarding the new voting machines. She said that all poll workers, custodians and inspectors will need to have 8-16 hours of training on the new machines. Supervisor Bertram has offered the Town Hall for some of the training sessions. She also said that all of the ballots will have to be recounted this year because of the use of the new machines.

***Public Comments***

Lee Jamison asked about the status of the air monitor still sitting outside of the Town Hall. Supervisor Bertram said it will sit there until it the electricity is disconnected. Ms. Jamison asked Supervisor Bertram to get additional information on what is wrong with the monitor. She said that if it is just a matter of the air conditioning unit that perhaps the Town could pay for the repair. Supervisor Bertram said she will send an email to DEC asking for additional information.

Stuyvesant Fire Company Chief Steve Montie reminded everyone about the importance of smoke detectors. He also encouraged everyone to practice fire drills with alternate routes.

Catherine Knott told the Board that as the owners of the Schoolhouse and property that abuts the playground, she and Ronald would like to donate approximately 1/10<sup>th</sup> of an acre to the Town. The land in question is the strip that is commonly used as a foot path between the schoolhouse fence and the tennis courts. Mr. & Mrs. Knott will attend a Planning Board meeting to adjust the property line. Supervisor Bertram thanked the Knotts and said that a member of the Board would also attend the Planning Board meeting that they are on the agenda for.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of July 2010

Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2010

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**JULY 2010 ABSTRACTS**  
THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>
234	National Grid (\$1262.92)	5182.4	1,162.79	
		5132.4	99.63	
		1620.4	0.50	
235	Corner Stone Telephone Co.	1620.4	23.71	
236	Rainbow Distributors	1620.4	62.00	
237	Mark Kelly	1620.4	150.00	
238	Columbia County Treasurer (\$5745.87)	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55
239	Schodack Septic Service, Inc. (\$432.00)	1620.4	216.00	
		7140.4	216.00	
240	Marilyn Burch	1620.4	47.63	
241	Xerox Corp.	1110.4	54.00	
242	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	160.58	
243	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	1355.4	14.72	
244	Catherine Knott	1355.4	26.10	
245	Staples Business Advantage (\$38.17)	1355.4	23.07	
		1410.4	15.10	
246	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	50.00	
247	Columbia Greene Town Clerk's Association	1410.4	15.00	
248	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,062.50	
249	Columbia County Treasurer (highway)	3310.4	15.17	
250	Gerald Ennis	3620.4	49.54	
251	Crown Awards	7550.4	275.38	
252	Unifirst Corporation	9090.8	108.56	
253	NexTel Partners	5010.4	47.08	
254	Main Care Energy	5110.4		695.55
255	Farrell Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4		587.85
256	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		145.13
257	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		162.09
258	Van Kleeck's Tire Inc. - Hudson	5130.4		171.50
259	Lapiner Brothers Inc. dba Kenco	5130.4		7.14
260	Northern Safety	5130.4		235.65
261	Abele Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc.	5130.4		899.26
261	Mario's Home Center (\$52.29)	5130.4		25.54
		5132.4	27.46	
262	Culligan	5132.4	26.75	
	<b>TOTAL FORWARD</b>		<b>5,748.96</b>	<b>6,589.26</b>