

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, September 9, 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, Highway Superintendent Bernard Kowalski, Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea 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 Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer and was approved unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter received from Pamela Herzing regarding barking dogs in Stuyvesant Falls.

A letter received from Jamie Pilkington regarding barking dogs and speeding cars in Stuyvesant Falls.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the correspondence as read and to file them in the Town Clerk's Office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

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

**REPORTS:**

***Town Clerk***

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli read her financial report and it is in file in her office. Melissa also gave the final accounting report for the Ken Hummel 5K which is also filed in her office. Melissa added that this year's 5K race had the highest attendance to date.

***Highway Department***

Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported they are sealing the roads. He also reported that the Clean Up Day will be held on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. This year trips will be limited to 2 per household and will be monitored with punchcards that will be issued by the Town Clerk. To get the card the resident will have to show proof of their 911 address.

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

Mr. Ennis reported that he had been attending classes at the State.

***Planning Board & Zoning Board***

Mostly recently approved report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Councilman Ronald Knott offered a resolution for Board approval to accept the strip of land being offered by Belfry House to the Town. Supervisor Bertram read the following resolution and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli took the roll call vote:

**RESOLUTION  
TOWN OF STUYVESANT TOWN BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of the Town of Stuyvesant approved a subdivision within the Town for lands owned by Belfry House, LLC located on Route 26A, the purpose of which was to convey a small portion of such land to the Town of Stuyvesant to appropriately determine the boundaries of the subject matter real property, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of Stuyvesant Town Board hereby accepts the offer of dedication of approximately 0.09 acres of land from Belfry House, LLC and Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents to complete such conveyance and the Attorney for the Town is hereby authorized to file the deed and associated filing documents with the Columbia County Clerk’s Office.

Roll Call Vote:

<u>Town Board Members</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent/Abstain</u>
Supervisor Valerie Bertram	X		
Brian Chittenden	X		
Edward Scott	X		
Ronald Knott			X
Rosalind Gumaer	X		

Certified by:  
/s/ Melissa A. Naegeli, Town Clerk  
Dated September 9, 2010

***Greenway Committee***

Councilman Ronald Knott reported that the next meeting will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the Town Hall. He also reported that the Committee is planning a public information meeting with members of the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board and others from the County on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

***Town Hall Committee***

Councilman Knott asked permission to contact a well drilling company to come do a study of our well and water supply to ensure that it is adequate. We’ve had some problems with running out of water during larger events at the building. The Board agreed that Councilman Knott could.

***Railroad Restoration Committee***

Marilyn Burch reported that the Taste of Buffalo had been a big success raising \$499 for the Railroad Restoration project. She added that the supplies had been donated. Mrs. Burch also reported that there are only three (3) Farmers’ Markets left to the season:

- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - Ted Feeling – Indian arrowheads
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> - Historic Dairy Day – Dutch Hollow Farm
- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> - Pot Luck Harvest

Marilyn announced that she will be resigning from the Farmers' Market after this year. She also reported that she had been nominated for the Vicki Simons Lacavore Award at the Chatham Fair this year and showed everyone her trophy.

Supervisor Bertram accepted Mrs. Burch's resignation and said she wished she would reconsider. Supervisor Bertram added that Mrs. Burch put a lot of work into the Farmers' Market and thanked her for her time and energy.

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer congratulated Mrs. Burch on the award nomination and added that Marilyn worked very hard on the Farmers' Market.

The next committee meeting will be on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Railroad Station.

### ***Town Historian***

Town Historian Juanita Knott was not in attendance.

### ***Assessor's Office***

Assessor's Clerk Catherine Knott reported that everything was fairly quiet and reminded everyone about getting their applications in for their exemptions.

Supervisor Bertram shared with the Board the 2010-2011 School Tax Rates. She highlighted that the ICC Rates for 2009 were \$16.00 per \$1,000 and for 2010 were \$13.65204; the Maple Hill School District (Schodack Landing residents) rates for 1009 were \$24.402 per \$1000 and for 2010 went down to \$18.836. Supervisor Bertram said that the lowering of the rates is due to our Town being at the 100% valuation rate because of the re-valuation that was done last year.

### ***Recreation Committee***

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that there was no meeting on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday weekend. She said the next meeting would be held on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall and they would be discussing plans for winter activities.

Councilwoman Gumaer said the bill had been received from the Town of Kinderhook for the children to attend their Summer Playground Program. Councilman Gumaer said she had questions on the bill and would like to hold it until she could speak with the Town of Kinderhook.

### ***Trails Committee***

Sean Cummings was not in attendance. It was announced that the Committee would meeting on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at the Swyer Preserve to do some trail maintenance.

### ***County Environmental Management Committee***

Kathryn Schneider announced that there is a Speaker Series beginning on September 30<sup>th</sup> with Gretchen Stevens regarding "Land Use Decisions". The presentation will be in Copake at 7pm. Ms. Schneider recommended the talk to the members of the Planning and Zoning Boards.

The County Committee had sent a letter to DEC asking about the air monitor in Stuyvesant and whether it would be repaired. NYS DEC said the machine would not be repaired and would be removed as soon as National Grid disconnected it from the power pole. The County Committee was concerned because while the monitor was working, LaFarge was not operating at full capacity. DEC did say that the results

of the Stuyvesant monitoring station were the same as the results from the Albany monitoring station. The County Committee has requested a report spanning the 11 months that the monitor was in service.

***Dog Officer***

Wes Powell was in attendance and reported that everything had been basically quiet. He responded to the charges in the letters read under *Correspondence* saying that he had never been contacted by Mr. Pilkington. He added that he had responded to complaints in the area and that the barking dogs didn't seem to be barking any more than "normal".

***Special Guest – Valatie Rescue Squad***

Derek LaToree (President) and Scott Bowman (Chief of Operations) of the Valatie Rescue Squad made a brief presentation to the Board regarding asking that a tax district be added to the Town's tax bills similar to how the fire districts are taxed.

***Special Guest – Victor Cornelius, Endeavor, Inc.***

Mr. Cornelius is a grant writer and made a presentation to the Board regarding grant opportunities and funding possibilities for the proposed Highway Garage Capital Project.

***New Business***

Councilman Ron Knott shared with the Board a list of proposed zoning changes that have been mentioned in the past. He has asked the Board to review the list and get back to him.

***Public Comments***

Ted Guthridge asked for an update on the Schoolhouse Road CSX Bridge closure. Supervisor Bertram said that she had been working with the Attorney General's Environmental Division and had sent them everything we had for their review about 6 months ago. She spoke with them approximately 3 weeks ago and there were no changes in status.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Recorded this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2010

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2010

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TOWN CLERK

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**SEPTEMBER 2010 ABSTRACTS**

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
300	National Grid (1889.58)	5182.4	1,208.77	
		5132.4	200.88	
		1620.4	680.12	
301	Schodack Septic (\$756.00)	7140.4	324.00	
	<i>Railroad Station</i>	1620.4	216.00	
	<i>K.H. Park</i>	7110.4	216.00	
302	Rainbow Distributors (\$77.00)	1620.4	56.00	
		5132.4	21.00	
303	Corner Stone Telephone Co.	1620.4	33.71	
304	Columbia County Treasurer (\$5745.87)	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55
305	George Knott (\$321.07)	1620.4	190.00	
		6140.4	131.07	
306	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	111.96	
307	Col. Co. Sheriff - Alarm Registration Division	1110.4	10.00	
308	Carrie O'Hare, Ph.D.	1110.4	23.22	
309	Town Clerk - Melissa Naegeli (petty cash)	1410.4	50.00	
310	Staples Business Advantage	1410.4	36.78	
311	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	165.61	
312	Stuyvesant Post Office ( <i>postage</i> )	1410.4	88.00	
313	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (\$89.71)	1355.4	15.13	
		1410.4	24.58	
		<i>RR</i>	50.00	
314	Lisa's Silkscreen Printing	<i>RR</i>	434.00	
315	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,187.50	
316	Morris Associates	1440.4	998.10	
317	Juanita Knott	7510.4	46.68	
318	Col. Co. Solid Waste - Attn. Treasurer	8160.4	85.85	
319	Andrew Broockmann	8810.4	350.00	
320	Mario's Home Center (\$419.93)	<i>RR</i>	232.96	
		<i>5132.4</i>	58.19	
		<i>5130.4</i>	128.78	
321	NexTel Partners	5010.4	93.60	
322	Bernard Kowalski	5132.4	89.99	
323	Culligan	5132.4	31.75	
324	Colarusso Quarry, Co.	5110.4		3,060.15
325	Colarusso Blacktop Co.	5110.4		729.63
326	Main Care Energy	5110.4		1,020.62
327	ATR Trucking	5110.4		701.79
328	Fleet Services	5110.4		266.00

<b>CLAIM #</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>
329	Lapiner Brothers Inc DBA Kenco	5130.4		36.67
330	Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	5130.4		309.00
331	Van Allen Automotive	5130.4		21.00
332	MoMar, Inc.	5130.4		38.78
333	Handyman	5130.4		64.66
334	Lowe's	5130.4		246.21
335	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		25.59
336	Northeast Auto Parts, Inc.	5130.4		84.15
337	Marchese Ford	5130.4		14.36
338	Town of Kinderhook	7310.4	6,750.00	