

**NOVEMBER 11, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW #3-2010 – RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF DOGS**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed Local Law #3-20120 “Relating to the Licensing of Dogs”. The hearing was held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 6:15pm at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Ronald Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Highway Superintendent Bernard Kowalski, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Bertram opened the Public Hearing at 6:15pm and asked the Town Clerk to read the Public Notice as printed in the newspaper. Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli read the following notice:

***PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
Notice of Public Hearing
Local Law #03-2010 – Regulation of Licensing of Dogs
Thursday, November 11, 2010***

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law #3 of 2010 for the Regulation of Licensing of Dogs. The purpose of the hearing is to take public comments on the proposed Local Law. The Hearing will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 6:15pm at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. The Town Hall is located at 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, NY 12173.

*Melissa A. Naegeli
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Bertram read the proposed law and gave a brief overview of the changes. There were questions regarding Section 10 “Interference with Officers”. Councilman Chittenden asked that the language “*and any officer or agent of a duly incorporated society for the prevention of cruelty to animals*” be stricken.

There were questions of clarification from the public regarding Section 10 with respect to the reference of “interference”. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea explained that everyone needs to be reasonable and that this would be reserved for an aggressive offense.

Supervisor Bertram explained that the “new” law was basically the same as the law that has been in effect through the State of New York and that we have to adopt it because of the changes in procedures passed from the State to the Town.

The Board agreed that the language in Section 10 referenced earlier by Councilman Chittenden would be stricken from the law.

The Hearing was closed at 6:56pm.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held a Public Hearing to hear comments on the Proposed 2011 Budget. The hearing was held scheduled for Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 6:30am at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Ronald Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Highway Superintendent Bernard Kowalski, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplelea.

Supervisor Bertram opened the Public Hearing at 6:57pm at the conclusion of the Local Law Public Hearing. She asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to read the public notice as published in the newspaper. The following notice was read:

***PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
Notice of Public Hearing
2011 Proposed Budget
Thursday, November 11, 2010***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget for the Town of Stuyvesant for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2011 has been completed and filed in the office of the Town Clerk, Melissa A. Naegeli, where it is available for inspection by any interested person at all reasonable hours.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a Public Hearing at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant New York, at 6:30 pm on the 11th day of November 2010, and that at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the preliminary budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items therein contained.

PURSUANT to Town Law, the proposed salaries for hereby specified as follows: Supervisor, \$7,388.00 – Town Board (4) @ \$2934.25 ea. - Town Clerk/Tax Collector, \$22,729.00 - Town Justice (2) @ \$8,240.00 ea. - Highway Superintendent \$52,417.00 - Assessor \$16,524.00.

*Melissa A. Naegeli
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Bertram gave an overview of the Proposed Budget.

Salary increases of 3% for the Highway Department only. The contractual amounts were raised slightly. There were costs that the Town couldn't control such as significant increases in health care and retirement contributions. The estimates for Revenues are conservative estimates and the CHIPS money was eliminated due to the uncertainty of receiving it again in the coming year.

There was a 0% increase in the 2011 Budget. Supervisor Bertram thanked the Board for the hard work that was put into this proposed budget. She explained that when the process started there was a 15% increase the Board worked to get it down to 0%. She added that both of the Fire District Budgets remained the same while the Library contribution was up \$5000.

The only comment from the public was a thank you to the Board for not taking pay increases. Supervisor Bertram explained that we are all taxpayers too.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:00pm.

**NOVEMBER 11, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Town Board held their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Ronald Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Highway Superintendent Bernard Kowalski, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Attorney for the Town Tal Rapplelea.

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:10pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Councilman Edward Scott and was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Bertram announced that the following correspondence was received:

A letter from the Columbia County Office for the Aging asking for any nominations for Senior Volunteer Award.

A letter of resignation from Robert Keller stepping down from the Zoning Board.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Bertram reported that the paperwork had been submitted to DEC for the lawsuit money and is being processed.

Councilman Ronald Knott made a motion to adopt the 2011 Budget. Councilman Knott added that there was a \$.01/\$1000 tax decrease. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the budget was adopted.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

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

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported that the snow fences are up, the salt and sand are being delivered and the department is getting the trucks ready.

The report from trash day was there were 5 large dumpsters and 2 small dumpsters. Mr. Kowalski reported that the new punch card system worked very well and there was only 1 person turned away due to not being a resident.

Supervisor thanked the Highway Dept. and the Councilmen who helped out during the day.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

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

Planning Board & Zoning Board

There was a Planning Board Public Hearing at the October meeting where a site plan was approved for Gretchen Wall. The next Planning Board meeting will be November 22nd.

The Zoning Board received a request for interpretation from Wil Pflaum of a violation. The Public Hearing will be November 23rd at 7:00pm.

The Zoning Board is requesting a change in meeting time from 7:30pm to 7:00pm. A motion was made Councilman Edward Scott to approve the change to be made and effective immediately. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott and the motion was passed by unanimous vote. Shirley Narzynski, Zoning Board Secretary, will take care of the public notice.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott reported that Steve Winkley had presented at the last meeting of the Committee. He presented the Town with maps of waterways and wells. The value of Mr. Winkley's service was \$10,000 and the Town paid 0. There will be a book and CD also available for review.

Councilman Knott said that the Committee would like to have a meeting with the Zoning, Planning and Town Boards to review the findings of Mr. Winkley's research and discuss.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported that there was a new battery in the generator. Councilman Knott also reported that Smith Well Drilling had come to investigate why the building keeps running out of water. They reported that the pump has a low water yield. Councilman Knott will speak with them for additional information.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the plans had been received from the architect incorporating DOT suggested changes. The plans will be forwarded to DOT for approval.

Councilman Knott said that Lew Hotaling had done a lot of custom woodwork at the railroad station over the summer, saving the Town a lot of money. Councilman Knott suggested the Town send him a thank you gift. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to send Mr. Hotaling a \$50 gift certificate from Mario's Home Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote.

Lee Jamison announced that the Christmas Party at the Depot will be December 4th at 2pm.

Town Historian

Supervisor Bertram announced that Mrs. Knott, Town Historian, is working on the new town book with updated information. She added that the book will be a full-sized book and that the Committee had recently met to choose photographs.

Lee Jamison suggested that Mrs. Knott's name be put forward for the Office of the Aging Volunteer Award that was mentioned in the letter read during *Correspondence*.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk Catherine Knott reported the exemption forms are being sent out and are due back by March 1, 2011.

Recreation Committee

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

Trails Committee

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

Dog Control Officer

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

County Environmental Management Committee

There was no report.

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Bertram reported that the Town had received a request from the Valatie Rescue Squad for an additional \$3,126 due to an increase in their operating budget. The total amount the Town would pay would be \$29,126.24 which represents 16.4% of their overall budget. A motion to approve the increase was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to pass Adopt Local Law #3 with the language changes requested by Councilman Chittenden was made by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Chittenden and was passed by unanimous vote. Local Law #3 was adopted and the Town Clerk will file with New York State.

Councilman Knott asked Tal Rappleyea if he had had a change to review his proposed changes to the Zoning Law. Mr. Rappleyea had not reviewed them yet. Supervisor Bertram suggested that any proposed changes be discussed a joint meeting between the Boards.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Patricia Casey asked about the Halloween Party and said that she had heard it was a huge success. Supervisor Bertram said it was and that there had been a surprise visit from the headless horseman. She thank Cathy Knott for all of her hard work.

Karen Hummel announced that she had received an email that there would be a statewide celebration during the weekend of May 14th and 15th and it would be called “Heritage Weekend”.

There was a question about progress on the hydro plant. Supervisor Bertram said she would invite Jim Besha to either the December or January meeting for an update.

Supervisor Bertram asked the Board about a December meeting. The Board agreed that they would forego the regular meeting night in favor of an end-of-year meeting to be held on December 30, 2010.

Mike Naegeli asked Supervisor Bertram if there was a report from the County Board of Supervisors Meeting. Supervisor Bertram responded that the meeting was short and that the budget hearing was postponed to November 23rd. She added that the draft she saw the previous Monday showed a 2.1% increase – down from a starting point in the teens.

Wil Pflaum announced that there would be an open house at the Glencadia Dog Camp on November 21st.

Supervisor Bertram announced that the Board will accept applications and letters of interest for positions available on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Recorded this 11th Day of November 2010

Approved this 30th Day of December 2010

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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NOVEMBER 2010 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
373	Fairpoint Communications (342.91)	1620.4	238.57	
		5132.4	104.34	
374	National Grid (1758.68)	5182.4	1,410.49	
		5132.4	141.18	
		1620.4	207.01	
375	Columbia County Treasurer (5745.87)	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55

376	E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	1620.4	52.89	
377	Smith Well Drilling	1620.4	86.40	
378	Jean Hewig	1620.4	640.00	
379	Cornerstone Security	1110.4	100.00	
380	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	149.28	
381	Catherine Knott (298.27)	1355.4 7550.4 1620.4	60.10 232.17 6.00	
382	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	124.92	
383	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	3,343.75	
384	Morris Associates	1440.4	302.40	
385	Charlene Leach	6140.4	44.50	
386	Schodack Septic Service, Inc.	7140.4	108.00	
387	Johnson Newspaper Corp. (45.13)	8020.4	15.13	
		RR	30.00	
388	Col. Co. Solid Waste	8160.4	3,248.45	
389	Hudson Valley Tree Service	8810.4	3,100.00	
390	Otsego Iron & Metal Co. (370.90)	3310.4	221.00	
		5142.4		149.90
391	NexTel Partners	5010.4	46.88	
392	Mario's Home Center (219.23)	1620.4	36.59	
		5132.4	89.75	
		5130.4		92.89
393	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	21.00	
394	Culligan	5132.4	31.75	
395	Fleet Services	5110.4		191.62
396	Main Care Energy	5110.4		1,705.51
397	Colarusso Blacktop Co.	5110.4		616.52
398	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		213.72
399	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5130.4		35.05
400	Mooradians	5130.4		41.56
401	River Valley Radio	5130.4		790.45
402	J.D. Handling Systems, Inc.	5130.4		24.22
403	Power Plan	5130.4		343.71
404	Bernard Kowalski	5130.4		37.80
405	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		27.20
406	Tractor Supply	5130.4		101.63
407	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		971.35
408	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		114.06
409	Cargill, Inc.	5142.4		5,683.21
	TOTAL FORWARD		\$14,384.29	14,799.95