

**DECEMBER 30, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly and end-of-year meeting on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting 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. Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer was 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

A letter from Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer resigning from the Town Board effective December 31, 2010. Supervisor Bertram accepted the resignation and publicly thanked Councilwoman Gumaer for her years of service.

A letter from William Gumaer resigning from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Bertram accepted Mr. Gumaer's resignation and thanked him for his service.

Supervisor Bertram announced that there had been a posting in the Register Star for Zoning Board vacancies and requesting bids for the contractual maintenance of the Firwood Cemetery. Letters of interest are due to the Board by January 15, 2011.

Supervisor Bertram announced that she had just been handed a letter from Mr. Dan Barber but since the Board had not had a chance to review the letter it would not be read.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott that the correspondence be accepted and filed under the proper headings in the Town Clerk's Office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Project – Supervisor Bertram reported that while the Town had received assurances that the \$250,000 GE Lawsuit money could be used toward the Capital Project of building salt sheds, she had received a letter from DEC Region 4 Director Gene Kelly explaining that due to the changes that were coming in Albany the money may not be available. Mr. Kelly suggested that Supervisor Bertram contact the NYS Greenway since they are the administrators of the funds. Supervisor Bertram will contact all of the agencies included in the original Memorandum of Understanding from 1995 (DEC, DOT, Greenway) and set up a meeting to discuss using the lawsuit money.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

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

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported that the highway department had gotten through the snowstorm earlier in the week. Mr. Kowalski reminded everyone that the Town is legally required to repair mailboxes that may be damaged during snowstorms but that they try to when they can.

There was a question regarding a vehicle being hit during the storm. Mr. Kowalski and Supervisor Bertram referred the matter to the Town insurance agent.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

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

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Shirley Narzynski, Planning & Zoning Boards Secretary, reported that the Planning Board meeting scheduled for December 27, 2010 had been rescheduled due to the snowstorm. The meeting will be held on January 3, 2011.

Councilman Knott reported that he, Gale Bury, Bill Vick, members of the Planning and Zoning Boards, Kathryn Schneider and Bob Greene had recently attending training.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Ronald Knott reported the Committee had been discussing uses for the information from the Ground Water Study. Some ideas are subdivision regulations, site plan reviews and zoning requirements for siting wells.

The next meeting will be on January 27, 2011 and the Committee will be finishing up recommendations on the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Bertram asked if the Committee was getting close to recommending Zoning changes. Councilman Knott said that yes, the Committee was getting close. Supervisor Bertram asked if there was an electronic copy of the Comprehensive Plan available. Councilman Knott replied that he had tried to get one but has not had any luck. Supervisor Bertram will send a letter to the original company that prepared the document.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Edward Scott reported all was quiet.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the Holiday Party was very nice and thanked all of the volunteers. Councilman Knott asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to contact Schodack Septic to have the porta-potty removed. Councilman Knott also reported that the plans have been returned to the DOT for review.

Town Historian

Mrs. Knott announced that the new history book for the Town will be delayed but that there are 20 chapters already completed. Mrs. Knott thanked those who are helping with the editing and added that

Joann Jakiela is doing the formatting. The book will include Priscilla Frisbee's original work with additions by Mrs. Knott.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk Catherine Knott reported that exemption forms are due back to her office by March 1, 2011.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer was not in attendance. Committee member Lee Jamison reported that there was no official meeting in December but that the Committee had met at the Stuyvesant Falls playground to dismantle the skating rink. She said that Chief Steven Montie had expressed some interest in the wood to put a skating rink at the playground in the Landing.

The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2011 at 9:00am the Town Hall. On the agenda will be plans for the annual snowshoe owl walk at the Ken Hummel Memorial Park.

Trails Committee

The report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office. The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.

County Environmental Management Committee

Ms. Schneider was not in attendance.

Dog Officer

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

NEW BUSINESS

Supervisor Bertram presented the Board with a "Standard Workday Resolution". A motion to adopt the resolution with one change to Bernie Kowalski's hours from 20 to 8 per day was made by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was passed by unanimous vote and the Resolution was adopted. The Resolution is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

There will be a Board Workshop meeting on January 6, 2011 at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Martin Roby asked Supervisor Bertram if the resolutions that are voted on at the County Board of Supervisor Meetings are available prior to the meetings. Supervisor Bertram said there is usually a stack of them at the back of the room.

Cathy Knott reported that the room had been decorated by the Stuyvesant on Hudson Garden Club. Supervisor Bertram thanked the Garden Club for the beautiful decorations.

Martin Roby asked about the redactions in a recent response to a FOIL request by Mr. Wil Pflaum. Supervisor Bertram explained that the FOIL request had been completed in accordance with the law.

Martin Roby asked about the Stuyvesant Falls Bridge. He said the bridge was rusty and needed to be painted. Supervisor Bertram explained that the bridge in Stuyvesant Falls is a County bridge and there is a schedule of regular maintenance. She added that the bridge had been inspected during the flooding in the last year and that it had passed inspection.

Patricia Casey asked that County business be taken care of at the County Board meetings.

Lee Jamison said that it seemed like a lot of County business was done in Committee. Supervisor Bertram reminded everyone that all County committee meetings were open to the public.

Lee Jamison announced that she had participated in a recent Harvard Survey of people who lived within a 30 mile radius of the LaFarge Cement Plant. She said that there will be a meeting on January 6, 2011 at 8:00pm at the Ravena High School where the doctors will reveal the results.

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

Recorded this 30th Day of December 2010

Approved this 6th Day of January 2011

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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DECEMBER 2010 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
	DECEMBER 2010			
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
410	Mark Fitzgerald	1220.4	366.07	
411	Columbia Co. Treasurer (\$5745.87)	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55
412	Fairpoint Communication (\$347.31)	1620.4	239.62	
		5132.4	107.69	
413	National Grid (\$1954.08)	5182.4	1,491.89	
		5132.4	165.76	
		1620.4	296.43	
414	Johnson Newspaper (\$52.67)	1410.4	33.90	
		8010.4	18.77	
415	Kingston Oil Supply, Co.	1620.4	401.10	
416	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	124.92	
417	Staples Business Advantage (\$138.10)	3620.4	46.14	
		1355.4	78.77	
		1410.4	12.71	
418	Corner Stone Telephone Co.	1620.4	101.13	
419	Cargill, Inc.	5142.4		6,154.37
420	Apex Software	1355.4	215.00	
421	Rainbow Distributors (\$104.00)	1620.4	59.00	
		5132.4	45.00	
422	Columbia Co. Assessor's Association	1355.4	50.00	
423	Schodack Septic	7140.4	108.00	
424	Hasco Tag Co.	1410.4	82.92	
425	Joann Jakiela	7510.4	300.00	
426	NYS Assessor's Association (2011)	1355.4	85.00	
427	Howard Gleason, Jr.	1355.4	138.50	
428	Safeguard	1410.4	50.00	
429	Rosetta Stone, Inc.	1110.4	209.00	
430	Mario's Home Center (\$208.78)	RR	50.00	
		5130.4	175.01	
		5132.4	159.65	
431	Morris Associates	1320.1	651.50	
432	Sausbier's Awning	5132.4	64.75	
433	Madsen Overhead Door	5132.4	24.00	
434	Main Care Energy (\$1082.27)	5132.4	545.14	
		5110.4		534.13
435	Otsego Iron & Metal Co.	5110.4		350.00

436	Ronald Knott (\$47.15)	RR	17.15	
		8020.4	30.00	
437	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		12.30
438	Partners in Safety, Inc.	5110.1		162.00
439	Lowe's	5130.4		202.32
440	Joseph Bruno	1110.4	80.70	
441	Fleet Services	5110.4	348.86	
442	CarQuest of Valatie (\$572.32)	1620.4	93.95	
		5130.4		478.37
443	Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	5130.4		435.20
444	Farrell Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4		587.85
445	Culligan	5132.4	26.75	
446	City Glass Service	5130.4		250.00
447	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4		257.94
448	Dream Builder of Lebanon Valley	5130.4		1,777.39
449	Mooradians	5130.4		72.85
450	Tech Air	5130.4		71.12
451	Unifirst Corp.	9090.8	171.10	
452	Grainger	5132.4	569.52	
453	River Valley Radios Inc.	5130.4		3,340.00
454	Carrie O'Hare	1110.4	103.70	
455	Patricia L. Casey	8020.4	15.00	
456	Service Education, Inc.	1110.4	950.00	
457	Columbia County Sheriff's Office	1110.4	160.56	
458	Safeguard	1410.4	50.00	
459	William T. Vick, Sr.	8020.4	17.50	
460	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,850.00	
461	Columbia County Solid Waste	8160.4	251.23	
462	NexTel Partners	5010.4	47.00	
463	Academic Choir Apparel - Judicial Robe Div.	1110.4	568.00	
464	Chatham Printing	1410.4	50.00	
465	Cathy Knott	1355.4	56.57	
466	Charlene Leach	6140.4	59.50	
	TOTAL FORWARD		\$12,301.08	14,685.84