

AUGUST 11, 2011
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2011 the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilman Edward Scott, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, and Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski.

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 with the following corrections requested by Councilman Knott “*Town Hall Report – the map showing the lands with conservation easements, although there have been 200 more acres conserved since the map was completed*”. The motion was seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott and was approved unanimously.

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

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

The Town Clerk’s Report is on file in her office.

Highway Department

Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski reported that the Department had paved Riverview St., Clow Lane, Allendale Road and 6700 feet of Schoolhouse Road.

He also reported that the Town was awarded more than \$17,000 from FEMA from the December snowstorm.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

The 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.

Town Hall Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the light on the flagpole was replaced.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott reported NYS DOT is having difficulty getting the Federal Highway Fund to pay the grant monies and the project is being transferred to Federal Rail. The project will be on hold until the funds are available. Councilman Knott spoke with a representative from Congressman Gibson’s office who will work with us to get the money released.

Councilman Knott reported that \$230 was raised at the Corn Festival at the Railroad Station monthly Farmers’ Market.

Town Historian

Town Historian Juanita Knott reported that Historic Stuyvesant Day will be Saturday, August 13th at the Sandbar in Stuyvesant Falls. There will be shuttle bus tours of the construction at the hydroelectric plant and powerhouse. The shuttle bus will run between 12:30 – 2:30.

Books and hats will be on sale and Priscilla Frisbee and Juanita will be hand to sign the books. Please bring a dessert to share.

Assessor's Office

Cathy Knott, the Assessor's Clerk, reported that everything is quiet.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that the Committee held a brief meeting the previous Saturday and measured for the additional fencing being considered at the Landing playground. She also reported that there will be someone on hand at the playground during the Ken Hummel Run to play with any kids that may need care.

Supervisor Bertram asked that the Recreation Committee also look at the fence at the playground in Stuyvesant Falls. Councilwoman Williams reported that the benches need to be resurfaced.

Highway Superintendent Kowalski reported that the Highway Dept. had removed the weeds from the fence.

Supervisor Bertram reported that there was some vandalism to the grounds but the license plate number had been given to the police of the truck they believe did the damage. Mr. Kowalski requested that the porta-potty be removed due to continued vandalism. A motion was made by Councilman Knott to remove that one and the one at the Ken Hummel Park after the Ken Hummel Race on the 13th. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Bertram and was passed by unanimous vote.

There was a question about the trash cans at the playground. Highway Superintendent Kowalski recommended the trash cans be removed.

Supervisor Bertram reminded everyone in attendance that we all need to be watchers of the community. If you see something going on please contact the Sheriff's Office and not wait until a Town Board meeting to report it.

Dog Control Officer

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

Trails Committee

There is a work meeting scheduled for August 15th. Juanita Knott reminded everyone that Sean Cummings will be at Historic Stuyvesant Day with information on the trails projects.

Environmental Management Council

Kathryn Schneider reported that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors had okayed the EMC to work with Columbia Land Conservancy to get a grant for a training to use mapping software for planning purposes.

New Business

Deputy Bray has requested the Town to pay for ½ of the cost of a radar gun – the Town of Kinderhook has agreed to also pay ½. Our share would be \$1400 - \$1500. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the request by Deputy Bray and for the Town to pay for ½ of the cost of a radar gun at a cost of approximately \$1500. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

Deputy Bray reported that he has been checking at the Sandbar and at the playgrounds and other than some minor issues things have been quiet. He added that the sign at the Sandbar was getting difficult to read because of age and vandalism. Councilman Edward Scott said he would look into getting the sign replaced.

Councilman Knott distributed 5 proposed zoning law amendments to the Board. A Public Hearing was scheduled for September 8th at 6:30pm. Copies of the proposed amendments will be available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Old Business

Highway Garage – Bernie reported that other Towns had recommended using a metal roofing instead of shingles. Corrugated metal roofing should be considered instead of standing seam for a cost savings. The Board said it was okay for Councilman Knott to discuss with the Town Engineer.

The Capital Project Resolution Special Election will be Tuesday, August 16th. The polls will be open from 2-9 and anyone registered to vote in the Town of Stuyvesant may do so. There will be one polling place at the Town Hall.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reminded everyone that the Ken Hummel 5K Race will be held on the coming Saturday. She asked residents to be patient with the road closures. County Route 26A from Gibbons Road to 9J will be closed at 8:25am to accommodate the kids' 1 mile race. At 9am, Summerset Road, Gibbons Road and Church Street will also be closed in addition to Route 26A for the 5K.

Public Comments

Councilman Brian Chittenden announced that there will be an Open House on October 16th held by Cabot, McAdam (AgriMark) and Dutch Hollow Farm. The hours will be 2-4 and will be about Agriculture Related stuff.

Richard Frick asked permission for a sign to be placed at Overlook Park to replace the original one by Keith Monthie that had been destroyed. The Board approved the placement. Mr. Frick said it will take place on August 22.

Charlene Leach asked if someone could contact National Grid regarding the light in front of her house. Supervisor Bertram asked her get her the pole number and she would look into it.

Lee Jamison reported that CSX had sprayed something that killed the weeds along the west side of Riverview Street. Supervisor Bertram said she will call to find out what they sprayed.

Christian Sweningson asked about getting a copy of a report that had been completed by Gerry Ennis after his visit to the Hook Boat Club. Supervisor Bertram said she would get the copy to him.

Cathy Knott requested permission to run the Town Halloween Party again this year. The Board approved her request.

A Budget Workshop has been scheduled for September 10th at 8am. Supervisor Bertram asked Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli to get the budget forms out to all Department Heads.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Brian Chittenden and seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Recorded this 11th Day of August 2011

Approved this 8th Day of September 2011

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

COUNCILPERSON

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AUGUST 2011 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS			
	AUGUST 2011		
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL
270	Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	5130.4	
271	Yaun Co., Inc.	1620.4	86.57
272	Rainbow Distributors (\$120.00)	1620.4	94.00
		5132.4	26.00
273	Stuyvesant Post Office	1410.4	88.00
274	Crown Awards	7550.4	351.97
275	Apex Software	1355.4	215.00
276	Schodack Septic (\$648.00)	1620.4 RR	216.00
		7140.4	216.00
		7110.4	216.00
277	Valerie Bertram	1010.4	160.07
278	Ron Knott	1010.4	308.00
279	Columbia County Sheriff	1110.4	324.75
280	Lisa's Silkscreen	7550.4	1,144.00
281	Columbia County Treasurer	9060.8	2,370.94
282	National Grid (\$1741.76)	5182.4	1,212.62
		5132.4	226.57
		1620.4	302.57
283	Staples	1410.4	49.12
284	Johnson News	8010.4	71.97
		1355.4	14.72
285	Xerox	1410.4	276.74
286	Fairpoint Communications (\$329.71)	1620.4	225.22
		5132.4	104.49
287	Whiteman, Osterman & Hanna	8020.4	14,848.23
288	Morris Associates	1440.4	874.00
289	Arrowhead Equipment, Inc.	3310.4	79.50
290	Lapiner Bros., Inc.	5132.4	116.41
291	Lowe's (\$507.30)	5130.4	216.69
		5132.4	290.61
292	John Deere, Inc.	5130.4	
293	Mario's Home Center	5130.4	
294	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4	
295	Marchese Ford	5130.4	
296	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4	
297	Tractor Supply	5130.4	
298	Mooradians	5130.4	
299	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4	
300	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	2,000.00

301	Fleet Services (361.90	8810.4	80.00
		5110.4	281.90
302	Main Care Energy	5110.4	
303	Gorman Bros., Inc. (\$105352.19)	5112.2	
		5112.4	
		5110.4	
304	Farrell Oil	5110.4	
305	Columbia Tractor	8810.4	33.51
306	County Waste	8160.4	106.73
307	Culligan	5132.4	58.50
308	NexTel Partners	5010.4	47.32
309	Unifirst Corp.	9090.9	148.33
310	Columbia County Solid Waste	8060.4	79.79
	TOTAL ABSTRACT		\$33,626.57