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The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilwoman Kelley Williams and Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli. Highway Superintendant Bernie Kowalski and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea were not in attendance.

Supervisor Knott called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting with a correction to change "Ralph Thomas former Town Supervisor" to "Ralph Thomas former Town Councilman" was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Thomas Burrall. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

**Correspondence**

A letter from the Department of Public Service regarding energy conservation. Brochures are available.

A letter from the Columbia County Traffic & Safety Bureau regarding speed limit change requests. Towns are to apply to the State directly.

A letter from William Vick resigning his position as Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A letter from Patricia Casey resigning her position as a member of the Planning Board.

A letter of interest from Patricia Casey in the position of Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Knott reported to the Board that Mrs. Casey had experience and there were no other letters of interest. He recommended that Mrs. Casey be appointed to the position. A motion to appoint Patricia Casey to the position of Chairperson for the Zoning Board of Appeals was made Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams. The motion was passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Knott reported that Chief Montie asked him to tell residents that if they see inappropriate behavior happening down at the riverfront/boat launch area to please report it immediately. Deputy Bray was in attendance and agreed to more patrols in that area.

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**Old Business**

Capital Project -- Supervisor Knott reported that the finances for the projects are within the expected ranges. The contractors will be framing the highway garage addition in the coming week.

Humane Society Contract – Supervisor Knott asked the Board if they had had an opportunity to review the proposed contract with the Rensselaer County Humane Society. It was recommended by the Dog Control Officer to have a contract with them in addition to Columbia Greene because of proximity. A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to allow Supervisor Knott to sign the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kelley Williams and the motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Hydro Electric Plant – Supervisor Knott reported that Mr. Besha extended his apologies for the noise but explained that they are cleaning out the penstocks. The work is being done during the day during the hours of 7-5 and they should be finished soon. They are pouring concrete and the new road to the Sandbar should be coming in the next few weeks.

Ice House Road/Ferry Road/River Access – The DEC/DOT presentation was held and was well attended. Pictures of the drawing plans will be on the website.

**REPORTS*****Town Clerk/Tax Collector***

The Town Clerk's report is on file in her office. Melissa Naegeli announced the plans are coming along nicely for the Ken Hummel 5K and reminded everyone of the date and time. Melissa reported that she had a request from Karen Hummel on behalf of the Kinderhook Education Foundation Arts and Humanities Fund for a donation. Melissa asked the Board to consider this as the recipient of any profit from the Ken Hummel 5K Run. She provided information to all of the Board members. The Board agreed to review the information and discuss further at their Workshop meeting.

***Assessor's Office***

Cathy Knott reported that the Assessor's Office was quiet. The tax roll was filed with the Clerk's Office on 7/1/12.

***ZEO/Building Inspector***

Mr. Ennis' reported that new construction is down but there are some projects going on. His on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

***Railroad Station Restoration Committee***

Marilyn Burch reported that the upcoming events are Taste of Thailand on July 27<sup>th</sup> and the Corn Festival on August 10<sup>th</sup>. She reminded everyone that there is a work crew there volunteering every Friday morning.

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Supervisor Knott reported that he had been having discussions with DOT regarding the grant and that they have asked for additional changes.

***Recreation Committee***

Councilwoman Kelley Williams reported that a meeting would be held on the coming Saturday morning.

***Environmental Management Council***

Kathy Schneider reported that the Council met in June and had established a sub-committee for the hydrofracking issue. Kathy reported that she is on the GIS Sub-committee.

***Highway Department***

Superintendent Kowalski was not in attendance.

***Planning & Zoning Boards***

Shirley Narzynski reported that the Board met in June regarding a Bortugno subdivision that had prior approval but had never the filed the maps. There will be a Planning Board meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> and a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

***Town Hall Committee***

Councilman Ed Scott reported that he had power washed the front of the building and trimmed the trees along the sidewalk on the side of the building. He added that the ends of the building need to be washed.

Supervisor Knott reported that Jean Hewig had given a letter of resignation from the duties of groundskeeper. Councilman Scott suggested that the work be offered to the part-time highway dept. staff.

***Historian***

Supervisor Knott reported that the Town Historian Juanita Knott is working on the plans for Historic Stuyvesant Day to be held on August 11, 2012.

***Dog Control***

Supervisor Knott read a synopsis of the report from Wes Powell. Barking dog complaints, lost dogs and one injured dog.

***Trails***

Sean Cummings reported that the Committee had explored ways to deal with the wet area next to the parking area with either a boardwalk or a path of shale approximately 150' long. The committee decided to reroute the trail from the parking lot to loop around the wet area. The plan was presented to the Columbia Land Conservancy and was approved.

The Columbia Land Conservancy is creating an updated copy of the map.

Students from the Government Class at the ICC High School came and helped with cleaning up the trails.

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Sean is working on a draft listing of the birds that may be found at the park with a trail map to be a pamphlet available to visitors. Kathy Schneider will review and the pamphlets will be at the Town Hall.

The Swyer Preserve renovation work is about ¾ done. Sean will make a non-profit presentation at the August meeting.

Lee Jamison reported that the stakes that had been set for the kiosk will have to be reset.

**County Government**

Supervisor Knott reported that bids had been received for the Columbia County Courthouse renovations. The bids came in lower than estimated. Tal Rappleyea added that this has been an ongoing situation for about 20 years.

**New Business**

Supervisor Knott asked Councilman Tom Burrall to step up the process for a new website as Mark Kelly will retire at the end of the year.

Supervisor Knott reported that he and Councilwoman Kelley Williams are shopping around for better rates for health insurance for the Highway Department.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Board is also reviewing options for the Town's Insurance.

Supervisor Knott presented the Board with a Resolution to Adopt the County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Councilman Tom Burrall read the resolution and Supervisor Knott asked for a roll-call vote:

Supervisor Knott	Y
Councilwoman Kelley Williams	Y
Councilman Edward Scott	Y
Councilman Tom Burrall	Y
Councilman Brian Chittenden	<i>absent</i>

The Resolution was declared adopted.

Supervisor Knott reported that Councilman Brian Chittenden and former Supervisor Valerie Bertram are working on updating the Emergency Management Plan.

**Special Guests**

Michael Locker made a presentation to the Board regarding his proposed project at the Ken Hummel Park. He said he was thinking on a smaller scale project – 7 benches throughout the park instead of one pavilion. He said trees harvested from the park could be used for the construction. He suggested that perhaps a larger structure or better roadway could be considered in the future. Supervisor

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Knott asked where the benches would be located and Mr. Locker explained they would be throughout the park and would be built with a roof over them.

The Columbia Land Conservancy is working on an overview of the park with trail markers and tree identification. Mr. Locker asked everyone to invite their friends to Historic Stuyvesant Day and asked permission to display some of Tom Locker's unseen work in the Town Hall on that day. He suggested a simple logo for the signs and added that he is underwriting the project as a gift to the community.

**Public Comments**

Sean Cummings reported to the Board that the "Welcome to Stuyvesant" sign on Route 9J at the Rensselaer County line had been knocked down.

Councilman Chittenden arrived late and apologized. He announced that there was going to be an Open House at his farm on July 29<sup>th</sup> from 11-4 and that there would be food and learning activities for all ages.

Christian Sweningson announced that there is a group of residents interested in putting together a co-op to reopen the café at the river front. He said there is a survey out in the community asking what people would like to see in a new café.

Lee Jamison asked about the Kinderhook Library's plans for a big truck day at the Town Hall in the Fall. Supervisor Knott said he was in discussions with the Library to hold an event but that details hadn't been finalized yet.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Edward Scott and seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Recorded this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2012

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012

_____ Supervisor Knott	_____ Town Clerk – Melissa Naegeli
_____ Councilperson	_____ Councilperson
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**Abstract of Vouchers**

<b>No.</b>	<b>VENDOR NAME</b>	<b>ACCT #</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>	<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>RR STA</b>
216	Wainschaf Associates	H5132.2			46,183.27	
217	Morris Associates (\$2275.10)	H5132.2			1,919.10	
		1620.4				356.00
218	National Grid (\$291.03)	5132.4	119.23			
		1620.4	148.16			23.64
219	Fairpoint Communications (329.49)	1620.4	227.28			
		5132.4	102.21			
220	Schodack Septic (324.00)	1620.4				216.00
		7140.4	108.00			
221	E.A. Morse & Co., Inc.	1620.4	106.02			
222	Mark Kelly	1620.4	180.00			
223	Corner Stone Telephone	1620.4	62.74			
224	Jean Hewig	1620.4	340.00			
225	Rainbow Distributors (33.00)	1620.4	14.00			
		5132.4	19.00			
226	Columbia Co Sheriff's Office	1110.4	645.56			
227	NYS Magistrate's Association	1110.4	50.00			
228	Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel	1110.4	542.00			
229	Xerox Corporation	110.4	60.00			
230	Language Line Services	1110.4	3.60			
231	Catherine Knott	1355.4	23.10			
232	NYS Town Clerks Association	1410.4	75.00			
233	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	1,218.75			
234	Col Gr Humane Society	3510.4	305.00			
235	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	88.13			
236	Culligan	5132.4	26.75			
237	Mario's Home Center (545.68)	1620.4				74.67
		5132.4	373.62			
		7110.4	97.39			

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238	William J. Better, P.C.	8020.4	2,187.50		
239	Col Co Solid Waste	8160.4	735.46		
240	County Waste - Ulster	8160.4	87.99		
241	Unifirst Corp	9090.8	215.87		
242	Main Care Energy	5110.4		1,167.23	
243	Colarusso Quarry	5110.4		915.74	
244	Gorman Bros., Inc.	5110.4		23,550.06	
245	Farrell Oil Co., Inc.	5110.4		288.36	
246	Mooradians	5130.4		228.46	
247	Fleet Services	5110.4	814.73		
248	Van Kleeck's Tire, Inc.	5130.4		116.60	
249	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		161.46	
250	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		104,949.38	
251	Auctions International	5130.4		1,787.50	
252	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		15.90	
253	Lowe's	5130.4		23.73	
254	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		231.23	
255	Tractor Supply	5130.4		179.02	
256	International Salt Co., Inc.	5142.4		1,165.18	
	TOTAL AMOUNT		8977.09	26266.45	48102.37 670.31