

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held their monthly business meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Ron Knott, Councilman Brian Chittenden, Councilwoman Kelley Williams, Councilman Edward Scott, Councilman Tom Burrall, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli, Highway Superintendent Chuck Stiffler, and Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleyea.

Supervisor Knott opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Supervisor Knott asked for a moment of silence to remember Patricia Casey.

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Ed Scott, seconded by Kelley Williams and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion to approve the bills as presented was made by Tom Burrall, seconded by Brian Chittenden and was approved by unanimous vote.

### **Correspondence**

- A letter from Columbia Land Conservancy notifying us that this is the year for the fly over inspection of Ken Hummel Park.
- A letter from Burke & Mortarti (Attorneys handling Federal Lawsuit filed by William Pflaum) notifying us that the case had been dismissed.

### **Old Business**

*Ferry Road* -- Supervisor Knott reported that a meeting was scheduled with DEC and an engineering firm to discuss plans for the shoreline restoration. The meeting will be May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall.

*Railroad Station* – Supervisor Knott reported that progress is being made and the composing toilet is almost complete. He also reported that we had received \$52,000 which is approximately 91% of the grant.

*Zoning Law Revisions* – Supervisor Knott reported that Gerry Ennis (Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer) had reviewed the proposed changes and had submitted questions, concerns, and suggested changes. The edits are being made.

### **Reports**

*Town Clerk* – The Town Clerk and Tax Collector reports are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

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*Recreation Committee* – Kelley Williams reported there had been no meeting. She also reported

- that the fence at the Stuyvesant Falls playground needs to be repaired/replaced;
- bases need to be replaced at the Landing field;
- she is still waiting to hear from Kinderhook; and
- the Food Bank is offering free lunches at summer camp for children who receive free or reduced price lunches at school.

Supervisor Knott added that the fence at the landing should be completed to enclose the playground.

*Railroad Station Committee* – Marilyn Burch reported that the Rhubarb Festival will be held on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, rhubarb pies, and other treats will be available.

*Environmental Management Council* – Lee Jamison read a report prepared by Christian Swenginson:

- Nominations being accepted for the Good Housekeeping Award
- He had attended a Solar Conference and there were various Towns instituting moratoriums.
- He is researching zoning laws of other towns.
- He is on the Columbia County Natural Resources Group.
- There will be a Land Use Workshop, and
- He is prepared to assist the Planning and Zoning Boards.

*Dog Control Officer* – A report of no action was received.

*Kinderhook Memorial Library* – Lee Jamison reported that

- The newsletter is out;
- Events held during National Library Week were successful;
- Big Truck Day will be June 18<sup>th</sup> 11-2 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall;
- Abby Cash Fan Collection presentation at Library on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm;
- Limerick Prints on sale online at Library website;
- Waiting for the completion of electrical upgrade work, funded by State Grant;
- Construction for the new reading room is expected to begin in July; and
- Summer library events will be held at the McNary Center at St. Paul's Church during the construction project.

*Office for the Aging* – Ida Leiser reported that there would be a picnic on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for all Meals on Wheels volunteers.

Supervisor Knott reported that the Elder Express newsletter had highlighted Ida Leiser and Marilyn Burch as 2016 Columbia County Senior Volunteers of Year. He congratulated them both on behalf of the Town.

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*Highway Department* – Superintendent Chuck Stiffler reported that the following work is being done or has been completed:

- Replacing culverts on OakLeaf Drive;
- Getting paving quotes for Gibbons Road and Lindenwald Ave.;
- New truck is out for bid;
- Attended paving school;
- Trash Day is Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 8-4; and
- He is working on the speed limit signs for Town roads

*Assessor's Office* – Cathy Knott reported Grievance Day is Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm.

*Planning/Zoning Boards* – No meetings were held. Supervisor Knott reported that there is a vacancy on the Zoning Board and anyone interested should submit a letter of interest.

*Historian* – No report.

*Cemetery* – Supervisor Knott reported that he had contacted Steve Taylor regarding his offer to donate land to the cemetery to start the process.

Ed Scott asked if the Town could apply to the State to spend some principal from the cemetery account to help pay for any work that would need to be done with the land donation, i.e., clearing trees, etc. Tal Rappleyea said it would still have to go through a judge.

*ZEO/Building Inspector* – Report on file.

*Town Hall* – Supervisor Knott thanked the Highway Dept. for their work around the Town Hall, the grounds look nice.

### **County Government**

- Solar Seminar at Columbia Greene Community College with Dave Everett will be scheduled for June or July. Supervisor Knott will share the date when he has it;
- The sewer system at Commerce Park needs to be replaced/repared to meet new DEC requirements. There is a question if it can be connected to Greenport or Hudson;
- Supervisor Knott toured 4 properties on the foreclosure list that will be sold in June, 25 more will be up in 30-60 days.

### **New Business**

- Supervisor Knott reported that the Board had done a budget review at the last Workshop and that the changes implemented are working well.

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- A new time and attendance program at the highway garage has been started. A new time clock that can be accessed online will be going live on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- A training date is being set with Ray Jurkowski for the Planning and Zoning Boards. We are waiting for available dates from Ray.
- Supervisor Knott is reviewing franchise agreements for Time Warner and Fairpoint. They will be expiring in the next couple of years and he is looking at negotiating power for Broadband.

**Board Comments**

No comments

**Public Comments**

Lee Jamison reported that 14 volunteers had met through Stuyvesant Pathways and cleaned up at 4 sites around town. She also reported that there appears to be dumping along State Route 9J into the swamp area. Chuck Stiffler said he would mention it to the Resident Deputy Sheriff Garvey, Supervisor Knott will report it to DEC. Supervisor Knott thanked the volunteers.

Lee Jamison also reported that Kathy Schneider would conduct a Warbler Walk on May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Ken Hummel Park; and the Asbornsen Trail Clean Up would take place on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Naegeli reminded everyone that they can and should go see the Assessor prior to Grievance Day.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brian Chittenden, seconded by Ed Scott and was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Melissa A. Naegeli, RMC  
Town Clerk*

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Abstract of Vouchers presented at May 2016 meeting:

	<b>MAY 2016</b>			<b>LIGHTS</b>	
<b>#</b>	<b>PAYEE</b>	<b>A/C#</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>LND/FALLS</b>	<b>HIGHWAY</b>
167	CDPHP (\$2964.96)	9060.8	432.84		2,532.12
168	NYS Office of State Comptroller	A2610	277.00		
	<i>4/23/16 Transfer of Funds:</i>		709.84		2,532.12
169	Stuyvesant Post Office	1355.4	98.00		
170	CGTCA	1410.4	15.00		
171	First Fuel & Propane	1620.4	395.91		
172	Xerox Corporation	1410.4	223.40		
173	Business Automation Svcs (189.69)	1410.4	5.95		
		1355.4	5.95		
		8020.4	5.95		
		3620.4	5.95		
		1220.4	5.95		
		1620.4	19.94		
		5132.4	140.00		
174	Marlin Business Bank	1620.4	114.00		
175	Constellation	5132.4	70.37		
176	National Grid (1182.76)	5182.4		576.22	
		5182.4		606.54	
177	National Grid	1620.4	42.89		
178	National Grid	5132.4	89.82		
179	Constellation (355.00)	5182.4		170.75	
		5182.4		184.25	
180	Paychex of New York LLC	1320.4	175.62		
181	Schodack Septic Services, Inc.	7110.4	108.00		
	<i>5/5/16 Total</i>		1,522.70	1,537.76	
182	Time Warner Cable (380.36)	1620.4	254.98		
		5132.4	125.38		
183	SMG	1620.4	271.00		
184	Repeat Business Systems	1620.4	58.45		
185	Carrie A. O'Hare	1110.4	20.05		
186	Columbia County Treasurer (Sheriff)	1110.4	154.98		
187	Safeguard Business Systems	1320.4	184.80		
188	Staples, Inc. (114.65)	1410.4	93.41		
		5132.4	21.24		
189	Tal G. Rappleyea, Esq.	1420.4	937.50		
190	Columbia County Treasurer (Highway)	3310.4	77.77		
191	Juanita Knott	7510.4	50.95		
192	County Waste	8160.4	88.28		

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193	Johnson Newspaper	5010.4	41.04		
194	Verizon Wireless	5010.4	87.75		
195	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	34.37		
196	Custom Overhead Doors	5132.4	547.50		
197	Culligan	5132.4	28.93		
198	Paraco Gas (855.23)	5132.4	44.03		
		5110.4			811.20
199	Fleet Services	5110.4			166.01
200	Bob Boll Excavating	5110.4			232.56
201	HD Supply Waterwork, Ltd	5110.4			1,133.02
202	Mario's Home Center (265.27)	5132.4	52.96		
		5130.4			212.31
203	Airgas USA, LLC	5130.4			20.20
204	John Deere Financial	5130.4			37.03
205	Lowe's	5130.4			46.55
206	Carquest of Valatie	5130.4			43.46
207	Power Plan	5130.4			258.89
208	Tractor Supply	5130.4			72.89
209	Lapiner Brothers, Inc.	5130.4			50.00
210	Mooradian Hydraulics	5130.4			124.32
211	Zwack, Inc.	5130.4			158.86
212	Morton Salt, Inc.	5142.4			4,347.47
213	APHNYS	7510.4	30.00		
	<i>5/13/16 Totals</i>		<i>3,205.37</i>		<i>7,714.77</i>
	<i>Monthly Totals:</i>		<i>5,437.91</i>	<i>1,537.76</i>	<i>10,246.89</i>