

**VILLAGE OF RED HOOK  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING  
RED HOOK COMMONS  
08-08-2011  
7:00 PM**

This month's Village Board meeting was held at the Red Hook Commons (Senior Housing) which is located at 17 Laura Lane, Red Hook, New York. Approximately 25 residents attended the meeting.

Present: Mayor Edward Blundell, Deputy Mayor Brent Kovalchik, Trustee David Seymour, Trustee Jen Norris.

Absent: Trustee Jay Trapp

Mayor Blundell opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Clerk Cole read the Treasurer's report for the month of July: Balances as of 7-31-11: General \$631,137.72, Water \$33,839.12, T & A \$12,311.74, Resource Recovery \$5,133.32, Petty Cash \$18.12, Village Green \$2,551.82, Hardscrabble \$2,902.14, Health Ins. \$5,316.04. Monthly Expenses \$273,039.80, Water \$22,985.43, T & A \$12,311.74, Resource Recovery \$4,514.77. Trustee Norris made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Trustee Seymour seconded. All were in favor.

**POLICE:**

Mayor Blundell read the police report for the month of July: 116 incidents; 199 UTT's & 15 arrests.

Mayor Blundell introduced each Trustee and gave a brief description of their departments and their responsibilities within that department.

**WATER**

Trustee Seymour read the water report as written: 2 bacteria samples were taken and sent to lab, chlorinator was repaired, met with Trustee Seymour on various water issues, water leak on Graves Street was repaired, average daily usage for the month: 260,613. Trustee Seymour spoke to SCA in regards to upgrading the water software. This software is still being updated and will be ready for installation by the end of September. A new metering system will be installed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in 2012. July 8<sup>th</sup> met with Bucky Coon on water repairs on Graves and Cherry St. July 11<sup>th</sup> met with Robert Flores of C. T. Male to review water project funding from DWSRF. July 12<sup>th</sup> met with General Control Systems, Brian Gildersleeve/System Engineer, reviewed new contract for 2012 on water controls. July 15<sup>th</sup> met with Bucky Coon in regards to contracts for the water department. July 20<sup>th</sup> met with Ernest Maderi to discuss water department problems, July 26<sup>th</sup> met with Bucky Coon to discuss water meter replacement list.

**VILLAGE BUILDING**

Repairs to be completed by the end of August: Power wash the Village Hall, repair gutters and leaders, repair work on roof and eaves, install electric cable on gutters with timer, paint outside doors. July 29<sup>th</sup> met with Jennifer Frier of 56 West Market Street on an inspection of her water meter. Meter will be read daily for the next 10 days.

**RESOURCE RECOVERY**

Trustee Norris read the resource recovery report: commingle 2.82 T @ \$98.59, cardboard 5.46 T, garbage 13.87 T @ \$1,096.48.

Trustee Norris also reported on the following:

LIBRARY: Grand opening of the Children's Library is July 16<sup>th</sup>.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Rhinebeck Legion Bank performed August 2<sup>nd</sup> at Abraham's Park. Next concert will be September 11<sup>th</sup> – Grass Fed Blue Grass with a rain date of September 18<sup>th</sup>. Friday Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> the Village of Red Hook and the Chamber of Commerce will show a movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark" at Firehouse Plaza on a giant screen. Food and refreshments will be available from Me-Oh-My-Shop. This is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the film. Rain date is 8-20. Hardscrabble Day will be September 24<sup>th</sup> with a parade at 4 pm with a featured band of Robert Randolph and the Family Band.

**SENIOR RELATIONS**

Ann Marie Hirschberger, Town energy consultant, will be giving a series of talks regarding cost savings strategies for energy use for senior members in our community. September 20<sup>th</sup> Red Hook Firehouse, September 20<sup>th</sup> Red Hook Town Hall, and again on October 6<sup>th</sup> Red Hook Town Hall, Lunch & Learn.

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

Mayor Blundell read the planning and zoning report for the month of July: 3 building permits, 1 certificate of compliance, 4 municipal searches, 7 inspections. \$ 725.00 was collected in fees. At this point Mayor Blundell would like to hold off on discussing the operating permit fee and time period.

**Economic Committee; CPF; ZRC; Red Hook Together;**

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly reports as follow:

Red Hook Town Economic Committee – Monthly Report  
July, 2011 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – RHV Liaisons

July 14, 2011 – A joint meeting of the RHT EDC, RH CAN and RHV was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:

- Review Centers and Greenspaces Plan including the RHV GBD Infill Development Plan and proposed TND.
- Reviewed status of RH businesses / RHV promotional video and slide presentation.
- Discussed the Egbert Benson Society's Bicentennial Celebration activities / events for Hardscrabble Day.
- Reviewed "Tactical Urbanism" programs including pop-up art galleries, restaurants, bike paths, etc.
- Reviewed possible business / commercial uses for prominent sites in RHV including parking / space allocations and zoning requirements.

July 28, 2011 – A joint meeting of the RHT EDC, RH CAN and RHV was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:

- NYS Regional Economic Development for the Mid-Hudson Valley Region (NYS Open for Business Program).
- Discussed promotional video for existing and prospective new business in the Town / Village of RH with Jane Watson (producer) of Green Peas TV.
- Reviewed / discussed possible business / commercial uses for prominent sites in RHV.

Community Preservation Fund (CPF) Advisory Board – Monthly Report

July, 2011 – Brent Kovalchik – RHV Representative / Member

- There were no CPF Advisory Board Meetings held during the month of July, 2011.

Red Hook Town Zoning Review Committee (ZRC) – Monthly Report

July, 2011 – Brent Kovalchik – RHV Representative / Member

- There were no ZRC Meetings held during the month of July, 2011.

Red Hook Together – Monthly Report

July, 2011 – Ed Blundell and Brent Kovalchik – Representatives / Members

July 17, 2011 – A RH Together Meeting was held at the Bard College Campus Center. Items discussed included:

- RH Community Arts Network (RH CAN)

July 16, 2011. The "Art Pop" Gallery opened in the former Conscious Living Store on South Broadway. The Gallery is open Thursday / Sunday 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., Friday / Saturday 12:00 – 9:00 p.m.

August 19, 20, 21. The "Arts Inspired" Festival will take place at the former Soap Factory on South Broadway. This three day festival will include visual and performing arts, poetry readings, culinary arts and indoor / outdoor sculpture exhibitions.

These exhibits have been organized by the RH CAN Steering Committee (Betsy Jacaruso, Kari Feuer, Lisa Pinto, Juliet Harrison) and many volunteers. Thanks to RHV properties owners, the Baright Family and the Bodians for providing space for these events.

- RH Educational Foundation

Work continues on preparing a lecture series and workshop for grant writers.

- RH Community Garden – Joe Baldwin

Received not-for-profit status for "Earth to Table Fund" under the auspices of the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

- RH Public Library

Work continues on the preparation of "One World, Many Stories" reading program and on the Mas-ha, Palestine portable mural project.

- Bard Palestinian Connection

After a 20 day trip to Mas-ha, Palestine, Bard student built a playground for the Village and assisted a Jordanian contingent in teaching English to the Mas-ha residents.

- RHCSD

Work progresses on efforts to establish a RH Debate Club, Volunteer Fair and seek funding for renovations to the science labs at RHHS. On October 4 and 8, 2011 RH eighth graders will participate in science lab at Bard College.

## HIGHWAY

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. 95% of new street identification signs, as mandated by the Federal Highway Administration and specified as per the FHWA Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices have been installed.

Funds to provide for purchasing signs, posts and brackets are to be deducted from Maintenance of Streets – Street Maintenance (#5110.42 – 50% of total cost) and CHIPS (#5110.3 – 50% of total cost).

Residents can purchase the replaced, former street identification signs for \$20.00 per sign. Signs not sold by September 2, 2011 will be sold for scrap metal. Revenue generated by the sale of these signs will be entered into the RHV General Fund Income Account – Sale of Scrap Metal (A2650) and used to help reimburse the cost of providing / installing the new street identification signs (add to #5110.42 FY2012-2013). Residents interested in purchasing the old signs can contact Doris at 845-758-4701 Monday through Friday between 10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

2. Work awarded to Frank Vosburgh Excavating and Paving (June 16, 2011) has been completed. Work included catch basin replacements on Cambridge Drive, Benner Road and Church Street, as well as new swales on Fraleigh Street and Margaret Street. Funds to provide for these improvements will be deducted from CHIPS Budget Line (#5110.3).
3. Preliminary estimates are being considered to replace / re-face speed limit, stop, weight limit, yield, etc. signs as mandated by the FHWA – MUTCD. These signs must be replaced and / or upgraded to the Federally-mandated retro-reflectivity standards by 2015.
4. Forty-Eight (48) “All Way” signs have been received to replace 3-way and 4-way signs that are no longer permitted by the FHWA-MUTCD.
5. Engineering work, as provided by RHV Engineer M.A. Day Engineers has been completed and approved by the NYSDOT. The \$233,000 estimated proposed cost (80% from FHWA STP Small Urban Grant and 20% NYSDOT) includes the installation of ADA compliant crosswalks from Prince Street to Firehouse Plaza and Fraleigh Street to the RH Public Library on South Broadway. The project also includes a new sidewalk on the south side of East Market Street from Phillips Street to Benner Road. Project commencement date and advertisement for bids are forthcoming. A September 23, 2011 completion date is anticipated.
6. 3,400 pounds of scrap metal was sold on July 25, 2011, yielding revenue of \$383.00. The current balance of the Maintenance of Streets – Tools Budget Line (#5110.44) is

7. \$2,275.40. Since inception of the Scrap Metal Recycling Program in September, 2007, \$10,492.10 has been generated. Proceeds from this program go toward purchasing tools / equipment for the RHV Highway Department. Residents interested in donating scrap metal can contact Dan Streib at 845-758-8600.

#### **VILLAGE GREEN**

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

1. There were no Village Green Committee Meetings held during the month of July, 2011.
2. The current balances of the Village Green Committee's related budget accounts as of July 1, 2011 are as follows:
  - Community Beautification – Contractual Expenses (#8510.4)  
Balance ..... \$ 3,901.96
  - Shade Tree – Contractual Expenses (#8560.4)  
Balance ..... \$ 4,853.14
  - Village Green Checking Account  
Balance ..... \$ 2,551.82

#### **ITF**

Deputy Mayor Kovalchik read the monthly report as follows:

##### **1. Red Hook Sewer Project**

July 1, 2011 – A RH Sewer Project Committee Meeting was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:

- a. Consideration of revised sewer district boundaries.
- b. Review of NYS General Municipal Law governing special use district formation by a Village and County, property assessments, and sewer service agreements.

Bridget Barclay (DCWWA), Jonathan Churins (DCWWA), Ed Blundell (RHV Mayor) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) attended.

July 7, 2011 – A RH Sewer Project Committee Meeting was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:

- a. Consideration of revised sewer district boundaries to meet the requirements, under NYS General Municipal Law, to form a Part-County Sewer District.
- b. Review alternatives and options for a Targeted Decentralized Sewer System including revised / reduced scope of 4-8-11 system and a decentralized subsurface treatment and disposal system.
- c. Review NYSDEC and DCDOH requirements regulating types of municipal wastewater treatment systems.
- d. Review possible funding / financing options available for FY2012.

Robert Flores (C.T. Male) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) attended.

July 15, 2011 – A RH Sewer Project Committee Meeting was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:

- a. Review comments from 4-8-11 Referendum opponents including emergency response, electrical requirements, and cost of LPSS.
- b. Review possible funding for FY2012 from USDA-RD, NYSEPA, and NYSEFC.
- c. Review targeted decentralized sewer systems: evaluation of pros and cons of various systems including types of wastewater treatment system and regulatory requirements.

Jonathan Churins (DCWWA), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Ed Blundell (RHV Mayor) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) attended.

July 22, 2011 – A RH Sewer Project Committee Meeting was held at the RHV Building. Items discussed included:

- a. Review comments from ITF including alternative electric connections / service for LPSS.
- b. Review preliminary design data, including space requirements, regulatory requirements for a subsurface / cluster targeted decentralized sewer system.
- c. Review preliminary district boundaries and connections for limited tertiary treatment and LPSS / gravity distribution system.
- d. Review timelines / requirements for scoring and inclusion on various funding agencies' list of eligible projects.
- e. Review impact NYS 2% Property Tax Cap regulations may have on special-use benefit / assessment districts.

Jonathan Churins (DCWWA), Robert Flores (C.T. Male), Harry Colgan (RHT Councilman), Ed Blundell (RHV Mayor) and Brent Kovalchik (RHV Trustee) attended.

## **2. Red Hook Village Water Project**

- a. The NYSDOH Draft Intended Use Plan has been published. The \$9.1 million RHV Water Project, including existing well field improvements, alternative supply sources, improvements to water storage facilities and improvements to existing water distribution system, received a score of 60 points. Projects throughout NYS have been reviewed with scores ranging from 3,175 to 5. The FY2011-2012 funding line has yet to be determined. (re: FY2010-2011 funding line was drawn for projects that scored above 161 points.)
- b. USDA-RD will be reviewing a multi-phase preliminary funding proposal for the RHV Water Project during August, 2011. Funding from USDA-RD is based on MHI and amount of federal funds appropriated to NYS / USDA-RD. (grants and loans)

## **3. Red Hook Village Zoning Amendments and Pattern Book**

- a. On July 8, 2011, Furthermore (an affiliate of the J.M. Kaplan Foundation) notified the Village that a \$2,500 grant will be awarded for the RHV Pattern Book and Architectural Guides for the GBD Infill Development Plan and TND. Previous grant awards of \$11,700 (NYSCA) and \$10,000 (HRV Greenway) brings the total grant awards for this project to \$24,200. Architect Stephen Tilly is preparing this publication with the volunteer assistance from the Egbert Benson Historical Society and Brent Kovalchik.
- b. Jay Trapp and Brent Kovalchik continue to develop draft proposals to amend current R10,000, GBD and TND regulations and supplemental conditions.

## **4. ITF**

- a. The ITF met on July 1 and 8, 2011 to review the final modifications to the proposed Centers and Greenspaces zoning amendments.
- b. On July 12, 2011 the Red Hook Town Board voted to approve and adopt the proposed zoning amendments by a super-majority vote of 4 to 1.
- c. The ITF met on July 15, 22, 29 to address adding properties to the ABD through petition and discuss the implementation of the new zoning, its relevance to development activities in the Town and Village, and particularly its impact on the continuing effort to establish a sewer district in the Village of Red Hook. Also being reviewed for zoning amendment consideration are the Estates District, Gateway District, and Work-Force Housing Regulations.



**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pete Giradi stated that sidewalk should be a top priority and a walkable village is a problem and can be life threatening. The sidewalk in front of Colburn's Laundromat is very dangerous with roots that stick up and they are uneven. With the IGA closed there should be sidewalk to Hannaford for Seniors to walk to get groceries. DM Kovalchik stated that repairs on sidewalks are a priority. The sidewalks going towards Hannaford are in the Town. Liz Colobro who lives at the Sr. complex has fallen on the sidewalk and complained of one section of sidewalk that is never cleared in the Village. Clerk Cole advised Ms. Colobro that she must call in an uncleared sidewalk for a letter to be sent or the Village may clear the snow or ice and bill the customer.

Steve Zacharzuk questioned Mayor Blundell in regards to the new Town Highway garage. Mr. Zacharzuk is concerned that a rumor has been heard that the Village will use two bays of this garage at a cost of \$50,000.00 per bay. DM Kovalchik stated that all Village residents pay into the Town's A fund, therefore 2 bays will be provided at no cost to the Village tax payer. All bids are in but not voted on yet at this time.

Linda Keeling from Save Our Town is speaking on behalf of the American Disability Act and is thanking the Village Board for their efforts on adding sidewalks in the Village. Also, Ms. Keeling mentioned if the Board could be more conscious of signs on the sidewalk; this makes it hard for people using canes

Mayor Blundell stated that he has enjoyed meeting at the Sr. Housing and he would like to do it more often. Mayor Blundell also stated that he will contact Hannaford to see if they would be willing to supply the senior's with a shuttle from the Housing to Hannaford. Nick from the senior housing would like to have more benches from the complex to the Village. Chief Truitt mentioned that prescription drug usage and theft is on the rise and if any seniors have any prescriptions they no longer use the Village has a drug drop off box. Trustee Kovalchik made a motion to pay bills after audit. Trustee Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Brent Kovalchik made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Jen Norris seconded. All were in favor.

Submitted by   
Cynthia Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer