

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 28, 2022

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session and by ZOOM videoconference at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30 p.m.

Present:	Supervisor Robert McKeon Councilmember William Hamel Councilmember Christine Kane Councilmember Jacob Testa Councilmember Julia Solomon Town Clerk Deanna Cochran
Also Present:	Attorney for the Town Christine Chale Esq.

Supervisor McKeon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the agenda.

Public Hearing: Spectrum Franchise Agreement

Supervisor McKeon explained the public hearing would be continued to the October 26, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Supervisor McKeon opened the public hearing

Public comment: There was no public comment

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane to extend the public hearing to October 26, 2022 at 7:35pm

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
	Nays	0	

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane to close the Public Hearing

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
	Nays	0	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The VFW is holding an Oktoberfest dinner October 16, 2022 and a pancake breakfast on October 2, 2022. More information can be found on the Town’s website www.redhookny.gov.

The Village of Tivoli will be holding a Community Shred Day October 1, 2022 at the Tivoli Free Library parking lot.

AARP foundation is looking for volunteers to become volunteer tax preparers. Contact Linda Eddy at (845) 475-7500 for more information.

VFW is holding a Stop 22 Challenge on October 16, 2022 to bring awareness of Veterans committing suicide. More information can be found on the Town’s website www.redhookny.gov.

The repair café is rescheduled for November 5, 2022 at the Community Center at 59 Fisk Street, Red Hook.

Discussion- Support NYS Environmental Bond Act

Laurie Husted, of the Conservation Advisory Council, gave a presentation regarding The Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act. She focused on five areas to invest in the community’s infrastructure.

- Open Space Land Conservation and Recreation efforts included topics such as planting more trees and investing more into our Rec Park and Trails.
- Clean Air investments included efforts such as switching to electric school buses and utilizing more renewable energy in public schools.
- Public Health and Safety investments included efforts such as putting money into more cooling centers.
- Updating Infrastructure efforts include topics such as fixing roads and stormwater infrastructure and wetland, stream, forest, and wildlife habitat restoration.
- Clean Drinking Water investment efforts included efforts such as updating water treatment plants.

LWRP Update- Sections 3&4

Paula Schoonmaker, of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Project, gave a presentation regarding the updates to sections 3 & 4 of the Towns' LWRP. She reviewed the updated maps which included colorizing and digitizing maps. Some maps show areas such as the soon to be installed Champlain Hudson Power Express cable and local habitat areas.

Paula Schoonmaker also reviewed the many proposed projects. Some of these ideas were suggested by the Trails Committee, the Town Historian, the Conservation Advisory Committee, and other groups within the Red Hook community. These projects include ideas such as installing nature watching platforms and removal of invasive plant species.

These updated sections along with the maps and an accompanying short survey are available for viewing on the Town's website www.redhookny.gov as well as hard copies in both the Red Hook Public Library and Tivoli Free Library.

Resolution Updating Community Center- Community Needs Assessment

Supervisor McKeon explained the addendum to the agreement for services between the Town of Red Hook and the Red Hook Community Center.

TOWN OF RED HOOK RESOLUTION NO. 60 DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM 2 TO AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND THE RED HOOK COMMUNITY CENTER INC.

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook ("Town") and The Red Hook Community Center Inc. ("Community Center") entered into an Agreement for Services dated March 15, 2019, as amended May, 2022 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to further amend said Agreement with an Addendum 2 to the Agreement ("Addendum"), a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, in order to provide for a community needs assessment to be conducted by the Community Center in collaboration Red Hook Responds, Incorporated and other area municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (by favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. Supervisor Robert McKeon, or in his absence Deputy Supervisor William Hamel, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Addendum in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk, with such changes as shall not materially affect the substance thereof and which shall be consistent with the terms of this resolution.

2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session on September 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., local time at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert McKeon, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

	Present	Absent
Supervisor Robert McKeon	In Person	
Councilmember William Hamel	In Person	
Councilmember Christine Kane	In Person	
Councilmember Julia Solomon	In Person	
Councilmember Jacob Testa	In Person	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Solomon, to wit;

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RESOLUTION NO. 60
DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

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BETWEEN THE TOWN OF RED HOOK AND
THE RED HOOK COMMUNITY CENTER INC.**

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution to Approve Extension of Facilities Agreement with RHCSD

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution is an extension for shared services for 2022, 2023, and 2024.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 61
DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2022**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED
INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR SHARED SERVICES
REGARDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WITH THE RED HOOK
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook has reviewed a draft of an Amended Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Services regarding Recreational Facilities between the Town of Red Hook and the Red Hook Central School District, providing for a term of three years commencing f January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024, with net usage fees of \$25,000 in 2022, \$50,000 in 2023 and \$55,000 in 2024, subject to further renewal as provided therein; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook has determined that entering into the Amended Intermunicipal Agreement for Shared Services regarding Recreational Facilities between the Town of Red Hook and the Red Hook Central School District, in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk (the “Intermunicipal Agreement”), is in the best interests of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action constitutes a Type II action which will not have an adverse effect on the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. The Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement in substantially the form on file with the Town Clerk, with such changes as shall be approved by the Supervisor and which do not affect the substance thereof.
2. The Supervisor the Town Clerk, and the Town’s other officers, employees and agents are hereby authorized and directed for, and in the name and on behalf of the Town, to do all acts and things required or provided by the provisions of the Intermunicipal Agreement.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Discussion – Contracting Snow Removal

Supervisor McKeon began the discussion regarding the request from Highway Superintendent, Theresa Burke for contracted plowing, sanding, and salting for certain areas within the Town.

Supervisor McKeon questioned why the Town would want to pay for other people’s trucks when the Town has cooperative agreements with the Villages as well as other towns.

Councilmember Hamel asked if there were any rules or laws that require the Highway to tend to the roads in a certain time frame. Attorney for the Town, Chris Chale, answered public safety dictates the time frame for plowing.

Councilmember Kane asked for clarification of how many CDL drivers the Highway Department currently has. Supervisor McKeon answered there were 6 CDL drivers. One of those drivers is out on a long-term leave, another driver is out on a temporary leave, and one is a temporary driver. He also added there were ads out for the hiring of an additional temporary driver.

Supervisor McKeon added there may be an opportunity to utilize an employee of the Village of Red Hook Highway Department.

Councilmember Kane asked if it makes sense for the Town to begin to acquire smaller equipment to avoid needing CDL drivers in the future, especially considering the proposed rates from Highway Superintendent Burke seemed very high. Supervisor McKeon responded finding the right equipment for the right job has been an ongoing discussion and it might be better to advertise for a full-time permanent employee to be as prepared as possible in the future.

Councilmember Kane added she needs more information before making a decision about this. Councilmember Hamel added he thought the Town should reflect back on the last few years to assess the performance of the Highway Department especially during the pandemic in order to help make an informed decision on this issue.

**Town of
Highway**



**Red Hook
Department**

28 Glen Pond Drive, Red Hook NY 12571
845-758-4615
superintendent@redhookhighway.org

September 6, 2022

Dear:

Supervisor Robert McKeon
Councilperson Bill O'Neil
Councilperson Christine Kane
Councilperson Bill Hamel
Councilperson Jacob Testa

Re: Request for contracted plowing, sanding and salting for Forest Park and College Park for the winter season of 2022-2023

The Town of Red Hook Highway Department will not be held responsible for providing proper plowing, sanding and salting the Town roads at the current levels of staffing. With one crew member out on long term compensation and another retired, we have less than three months until the winter storm season start date of November 15th. Today, due to another issue, we have 3 CDL drivers at work. That is not enough to plow 120 lane miles of road.

The lack of qualified applicants for the currently advertised full and part time positions has not changed, and is a problem throughout the County. If and when we hire a CDL driver we would still need to train them, which involves a period of time riding with another driver.

We would like to develop an RFP to hire contractors to plow, salt and sand Forest Park and College Park, our two largest and time-consuming developments. I will need the Town Board's approval and the help of the Town Attorney, as well as a budget for the same.

I will reach out to other Highway Departments that currently contract plowing in their Towns in order to have an idea of how to structure the RFP. Brandee Nelson, one of the engineers for the Town, has said in conversation that her hometown is also looking at contracted plowing. Perhaps we can ask to see their information as we explore this necessary avenue.

Without a plan, we will not be able to deliver a safe level of service to our residents during the winter storm season.

Respectfully yours,

Theresa Burke

Theresa Burke
Highway Superintendent

Reorganization-

Councilmember Solomon addressed that the appointments for the new Housing Committee would begin at the next Town Board meeting on October 11, 2022.

Greenway and Trails Committee

Supervisor McKeon explained the Committee would like to remove both John Kuhn and Doug Strawinski as members in order to appoint new member, Melissa Cohen

<i>8 Members</i>	<i>2-year Appointment</i>
Chair- Lisa Whalen	2022
Jim Blakney	2023
Bruce Cuttler	2023
Brenda Cagle	2023
Ana Sanjuan	2023
Melissa Cohen	2022
Cat Viega (1/17)	2022
Vacant	2022
Lisa Whalen	2023
Liaison: Christine Kane	

On a motion by Councilmember Kane seconded by Supervisor McKeon to appoint Melissa Cohen as a member of the Greenway and Trails Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
	Nays	0	

Conservation Advisory Council

Supervisor McKeon stated there was a letter of interest from Leah Papeika.

<i>9 Members</i>	<i>2-year Appointment</i>
Chair- Laurie Husted	2022
Leah Steinberg	2022
Steven Appenzeller	2022
Michael Zelig	2023
Frances Duncan	2023
Laurie Husted	2023
Denis Collet	2023
Leah Papeika	2023
Lori Urbin	2023
Jen Cavanaugh	2023
Secretary, PT: Vacant	
Liaison: Jacob Testa	

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Testa to appoint Leah Papeika as a member of the Conservation Advisory Council for a term ending December 31, 2023.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
	Nays	0	

Senior Services Committee

Supervisor McKeon stated there was a letter of interest from Marylou Kandor

<i>10 Members plus municipal representation</i>	<i>2-year appointment</i>
Chair- Vacant	2017
Vacant	2018
Non-appointed representation from:	
D.C. Community Action Agency	
Mayor Village of Tivoli	
Mayor Village of Red Hook	
Marylou Kandur	2022
Nancy Finkle	2020
Vacant	2020
Rose Rider	2020
Johanna Moore	2020

Connie Barresi 2021
Marge Roberts 2021
Angelyn Haan 2021
George Jahn 2021
Secretary PT: Anne Rubin
Liaison: Robert McKeon

On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Hamel to appoint Marylou Kandur as a member of the Senior Services Committee for a term ending December 31, 2022.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
	Nays	0	

Committee and Board Reports

POLICE REPORT: For the month of August, 126 incidents were reported, 13 tickets were issued and there were 6 arrests.

WATER BOARD: The Board discussed the wells, the recent repair of one of the wells, the replacement of one of the water tanks, and the bond resolution associated with the replacement.

RECREATION COMMISSION: For the month of August, there was more work done to Rec Park West, the dugouts are proposed to be completed by October, and more pieces for the skate park are scheduled for installation for November.

ANIMAL CONTROL: For the month of August, there were 3 loose dogs, 1 nuisance dog, 1 cat, and 1 wildlife incident reported.

TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION: 16 trees have been ordered for the fall planting in Rec Park West, the tree inventory is still being updated and the Mill Road plantings are scheduled for the spring.

BUILDING & ZONING: There were 34 permits, 79 inspections, 21 CO's/ CC's, 2 complaints and \$14,271 in revenue.

Supervisor McKeon explained the need for a special Budget meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember Hamel seconded by Councilmember Kane to set a Special Budget Town Board Meeting on Monday October 3, 2022 at 1:30 pm

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
	Nays	0	

On a motion by Councilmember Testa seconded by Councilmember Kane to adjourn the meeting

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Testa, Solomon
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk