

Town of New Paltz, August 21, 2008
3 Public Hearings; Town Board Meeting

Present: Ken Wishnick, Dave Lewis, Kitty Brown, Jane Ann Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:05pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to open Public Hearing on Storm water district for the Birches, seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast.

Figures a little low – annual on going maintenance figures – Public Hearing needs to be reset.

Phil Johnson does not recommend walking pathway rather, paved path.

Joe Moriello- Planning Board - established a district with path ways that are not “sidewalks” with expectation that the town will treat it like any other sidewalk district. The Board discussed with the Planning Board do alternative that serves the same purpose.

Councilman Wishnick questioned how it differs from standard sidewalk.

Dave Clouser the engineer recommends 22 foot surface.

Councilman Wishnick questioned if liability different – sidewalk district – sidewalk not part of district.

Joe Moriello suggested do it by convenience and restrictions.

At 7:17 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to open Public Hearing on Sidewalks districts for the Birches. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Wishnick commented if sidewalks built in right of way, takes Joe’s comments a little further.....

Councilwoman Brown questioned why Planning Board recommended separation – calling it seasonal walkway is in spirit of encouraging bike pedestrian use. Suggested to get clarification on seasonal.

Councilman Lewis questioned who would be liable if one gets hurt.

Joe Moriello agreed it is a concern once we create a district and charge resident without clearing it in the winter – He stated that you have to follow up once you create a district.

Councilwoman Brown stated she needed clarification on purpose of this path, she believes it should be year-round, if the goal is to encourage walking over driving.

Everette Payne – stated that if affecting Councilwoman Brown’s property she should recuse herself

Separated gravel path versus paved wide shoulder bike path.

Margaret Human – speaking for herself – same plow as highways – can not have separation – can be done using physical barrier – cannot use road plow to clear

Steve Vaccaro for 15 homes, this is overkill.

Back to connectivity discussion.

Lynn Bowdery – not representing Planning Board – stated motion to waive sidewalk with requirements for Birches – 3-3 – Planning Board failed to waive sidewalk with requirements.

Rich Gottlieb – gravel cannot be maintained in winter – lighting is needed for sidewalks – main attraction what it has and what it.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to continued the Public Hearing on Sidewalks to 7:15 p.m. on September 18, 2008. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to continue the Pubic Hearing on storm water to 7:20 pm on September 18, 2008. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:09 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to open Public Hearing on Highway directional signs for historic places, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to close Public Hearing, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all ayes votes.

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Town Board Meeting-August 21, 2008

At 8:15 p.m. the Town Board meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Add recycling fees to new business; delete Stormwater and sidewalks.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Ron Turner, Village resident, spoke regarding blasting in Town - no provisions for Building Inspector to notify contingent properties and neighborhood and monitoring.

Margaret Human speaking for herself, questioned if PUD would serve a legal precedent.

Supervisor Hokanson responded PUD is floating zone and needs to be applied for and accepted. Margaret went on to speak of affordable housing, tax abatements except for Long Island and questioned who is responsible for road improvements.

Councilwoman Brown explained that applicant goes to IDA – protection for Town if applicant goes to IDA if they do not show that in their EIS.

Suzanne Holt – Kathy Cartagena – re: Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day. They are concerned about police costs. Suzanne thinks they could do without a police officer but could use their help. Joe Snyder agreed not to call in extra officer and to provide training for volunteers. Cost would only be if overtime or if there was a need to call in extra officers.

Steve Greenfield, Town resident, reported bears have been seen in the Rocky Hill area; the Town should notify residents about bird feeders, garbage cans serving as food containers that attract bears.

Paul Brown, on August 25 Planning Board Meeting on Crossroads topic will be fiscal impact.

Era Margois – next week – banning segment of population from Moriello playground – should invite Mayor.

Community Announcements: Calendar events.

Old Business:

Highway directional signs for historic places: County: no impact – short form SEQR, Councilwoman Williams moved and seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all ayes votes cast.

Councilwoman Brown moved to declare a negative declaration, seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all ayes votes cast,

Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Vaccaro request to deed lot to Town: 50 foot right of way, 1 piece of land with an unknown owner – can not get 100% connectivity to that spot. Supervisor Hokanson would vote to keep it – consistent with Planning, Zoning, and Comprehensive Plan.

Planning Board escrow referral: Attorney Joe Moriello suggested establishing separate fee. Application fees can be assessed by chair. Councilwoman Brown adopt recommendation of Planning Board to adopt escrow account. Joe Moriello advised the Board to do it by Local Law and set a Public Hearing for 9/18/2008 at 7 p.m. Councilwoman Brown moved to set public hearing for 9/18/2008 at 7 p.m., Seconded by Councilwoman Williams all aye votes cast., motion carried.

SOS 4 KIDS triathlon – already took place – need to set a policy - rescind request for overtime payment \$156.87. Supervisor Hokanson moved that they should pay for August '08 event. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

New Business:

Public Benefits – Crossroads project

Mike Russo concerned about affordable housing (he is e-mailing Supervisor Hokanson)

Steve Greenfield as volunteer should upgrade emergency services – transportation, recreation, and infrastructure.

NET BENEFITS

Rich Gotlieb – introduction – giant kiosk Welcome Center

Ron Turner, Village resident, referred to– the fire truck for sale at station II-- \$20,000. should be put at Crossroads for use at that location.

Bill Mulcahy – ugly people do not want it- why is the Town pursuing it. Town Board, Planning Board should do everything in their power to fight it.

Councilman Wishnick responds, explains the public benefit.

Steve Greenfield a light bulb went off – net zero carbon environment

Lynn Bowdery – PUD application one place in zoning.

Bill Mulcahy developer has hidden went to Goshen – what about industrial park

Fred Van Nostrand, Town resident, asked if the skating rink in favor of the development.

Councilwoman Brown stated she received e-mails including request for dog park. Discussion to continue next week with PUD Attorney.

Recycling Fees: Laura Pettit is in need of a backhoe to compact materials in roll-off containers. There is \$19,000.00 for equipment is unspent. Councilman Lewis moved to authorize Supervisor to purchase backhoe from Building and Grounds and Water and Sewer. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

On Propane tanks the valves need to be removed and holes punched and she is requesting a fee of \$6.00, Councilman Wishnick suggested changing it to \$4.00. Laura would like to prorate recycling

coupons. Regarding the old building Dan Gunther would like to take trusses from the roof. Supervisor Hokanson moved to adjust fees on metal and reduced fees. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Police Dept resolution for records destruction: Councilman Wishnick moved to pass resolution for records destruction. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

NPPD request for separate checking account for seized assets: Councilwoman Brown moved to allow police to create an account for found and seized money. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Neighborhood block party – Pinecrest: Party set for Sept 13 or 30 block party. Councilwoman Brown moved to approve the block party at Pinecrest. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Prepayments:

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve voucher #86689 in the amount of \$7,344.00. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to pay Leo Boice \$11,884.50 (50% reimbursed by Grant). Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Warrant:

Councilwoman Brown moved to pay the warrants for the month of August in the amount of \$470,867.10, seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:30 pm Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into Executive session, seconded by Councilman Lewis all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:55 pm Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to approve the promotion of Oserchuk to Lieutenant to take effect after a contract has been negotiated and signed. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:57 pm Councilwoman Williams moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk