

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
May 22, 2008**

Present: Kitty Brown, David Lewis, Ken Wishnick, JaneAnn Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:39 p.m. the meeting was opened by Supervisor Hokanson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: remove Vaccaro, letter of intent; add KB – application for NYS HR Estuary program, close to beginning – new busines. Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Presentations:

Martha Cheo – monitors water quality of the Hudson River tributaries. '06-07 DEC contracted with them re: New Paltz streams.

Ron Turner stated that trees are dying along Tributary 13 and asked why. Martha responded – need to look; questioned what kind of trees and other questions.

Pasquale Strocchia described Energy Star standards for building construction –energy star standards for new home construction has come up. Supervisor Hokanson – what is increase to homeowners. Mr. Strocchia to answer later.

Councilwoman Brown – if we add this to code – energy star appliance required?

Councilman Wishnick – energy star construction mean change lifestyle?

Councilwoman Williams – how does that impact off housing?

Rick Alfandre indicated have to go thru energy star rating for funding. This is not private home building. True afford housing – rental rate restrained – user funded by state or Federal agency.

5 areas electrical standards; tight homes with proper amount of ventilation; insulation, heating and cooling; domestic hot water. These features cost – depends on builder and his techniques.

Making sure building is ventilated properly.

Break taken 8:45 – 8:58

Public Comment:

David Gilmour offered thanks for the energy star program. Indicated the increase in cost of house is small.

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Community Announcements:

Calendar events: 6/14 Fishing derby 5-12 year old; 6/8 Regatta 1:30 pm parade, Memorial Day Parade, 6 p.m. on May 30th

Energy Star standards for new home construction:

CouncilmanWishnick questioned reference checking in Towns who have adopted this law before asking the Attorney to draft. Also, he suggested consulting builders through the Builders Association.

Councilwoman Brown stated that the public hearing process is the avenue for that. Get this to attorney, proceed with public hearing process. She questioned why this does not apply to larger developments and suggested exploring that. (firewall issue; more than 4 units constitute commercial)

Supervisor Hokanson – do commercial in 2 steps.

Councilman Wishnick make brochures available to building permit applicants tomorrow forward.

A motion was made by Councilman Wishnick to forward to Attorney Moriello for drafting. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Time Warner Cable contract: PATV coordinator Don Kerr looking for action – First step was the purchase of Hardware; second step to find someone to operate equipment. Survey sent out 7 years ago by Andrea Russo. Lot of support from public but they did not want it with higher taxes. Pursuing same from Village Board

Supervisor Hokanson if we find it is not in our budget, we can reject proposals and put somebody on staff.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to publish and distribute the contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams all yes votes, motion carried.

PATV policies – red denotes changes from Saugerties, according to Supervisor Hokanson. Councilwoman Brown – restrictions, page 5 add – material that depicts cruelty to animals

Tape change 9:43 pm. Andrea Russo– moving into digital age . Working on draft of IMA. Cost of coordinator shared by Town and Village of New Paltz. Typos will be fixed; getting comments from Village.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to forward to the Attorney. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried. Encouraging Ron Turner and Dick Wollman (who tape Town and Village meetings respectively, to submit proposals).

9:55 pm Estuary Grant – Paul Brown – Councilwoman Brown asked how did you narrow down? Paul Brown indicated he reviewed several publications..

10:23 pm **Special Use Permits:** moving off of Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board. Councilman Wishnick made a motion authorizing the change. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams all ayes. Attorney Moriello to draw up language for the June 19th meeting to set a Public Hearing.

Audit Recommendations: Councilwoman Williams – discussed with Town Clerk briefly this afternoon. It was agreed for the office staff to sit with auditor. Teen Scene also reviewed - audit recommendations change in receipt handling. Councilwoman Brown wants auditor to respond – saw clerk’s response.

Prepays:

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to pay voucher # 86411 for the amount of \$100., grievances being escald Voucher # 86410, Vehicle for DD voucher # 86403 – invoices need, voucher # 86392 – Global Warming Task, seconded by Councilwoman Williams all ayes votes

At 10:33 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring, firing, promotion, demotion of a particular individual. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick all yes votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:40 pm Councilwoman Brown moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:41p.m.Councilwoman Williams moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk