

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
April 23, 2009**

**Public Hearing
Planning Board Alternate Members**

At 7:15 p.m. the Public Hearing for Planning Board alternate members was called to order.

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Town Board Meeting

Present: Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, Jeff Logan, Toni Hokanson

At 7:45 p.m. the meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Add water & Sewer fees, ASR contract by Supervisor Hokanson, Councilman Logan – add fire department smoke alarms – moratorium
Councilwoman Brown – add Master Plan Comprehensive reports or amendments.
Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Paul Brown, Town resident, read aloud that we pay incredible taxes more than average. We are the highest in Town General tax roll in Ulster County. The Board held to review and find solution.

Josh Honig, Town resident, spoke against the use of outdoor wood boilers – the emissions are harmful to living things. Some laws in effect have a ban of 1000 feet away from homes. He is looking for a Town Ordinance to be adopted which would require their being 300 – 500 feet from the nearest house boundary, and be required to have a chimney installation. Supervisor Hokanson stated that four towns have passed an ordinance in Ulster County. The Supervisor said she would work with the Attorney on a draft.

Ira Margolis – meeting on 4/29 – Police Department and Commission @7:30 pm

Community Announcements:

Received letter support speed limit lowering on North Putt Corners Road. –upcoming five-town yard sale;

Grievance Day on 5/28; First game @ FOD ribbon cutting at on 5/2 at 11 am; Fire Department Car Show; Clean Sweep; Regatta

Old business

ICIB/Revolving Loan Fund Committee – Councilwoman Brown - work in progress – 485 B – state statue – allows Town's to attract businesses with their own rate of tax incentives. Back to Paul Brown \$10 million of commercial real estate under IDA – Let us bring new businesses – work with us – we would like to be negotiators. Councilwoman Brown says she has lots of data she praised Craig for being generous business member of community. She says we need a business member of the community (one Town Board, one ECB, two community business members needed – one post expires December 2009, one expires December 2010, and two expire December 2010). She suggests combining this committee with the revolving loan committee -- people would serve as two committees.

Joyce Minard suggested put out to Chambers membership.

Supervisor Hokanson stated they must be New Paltz town residents.

Craig said he would like to examine it.

Joyce stated, regarding the Hampton Inn, they got a poor reception from this Town and they never wanted a tax abatement. Two years is a long time out of a business man's life. She said New Paltz has a reputation that businesses are not welcome.

ASR Contract: It was just received yesterday and the Board needs time to read it. May need a special meeting, need to move quickly.

New Business

Sunrise Lane residents request for access route during floods: On December 6, 2007 Sandy Panman wrote a letter requesting an access road during floods to High Ridge Road. The Town Board agreed two years ago and would come up with a plan to address the problem. Supervisor Hokanson

dfs referred to engineer – did not hear back and promptly forgot. We are all concerned, but you will not like – do not shoot the messenger. The issue is money and this will be a huge expense -- bad timing. Legal advice – not the Town's responsibility to build an access road due to poor sub-division planning – not cost efficient for so few residents.

Sandy said she was not aware that it was a flood plain. A small piece of property right of way – tax abatement for property owner to allow the right of way.

Supervisor Hokanson stated access has to be built to town road standards – it does not preclude private right of ways from property owners.

Process for Private right of way: Councilwoman Brown said donate part of land – create homeowners association. Easement is a legal issue filed with the County. A Conservative easement is an income tax write off. Can the County fix their road, where it dips? Attending from the neighborhood were Alexandra Passas, Sandy Panman, Susan Piowaty, Tarun Biswas, and Joseph Grable.

Building Department insert in Tax Assessor letter: Councilwoman Brown questioned home occupation. Fire inspection does not go to home occupation. She made grammatical changes. Councilman Logan edited, approved to go out with changes. He thinks what they are saying is too wordy, he prefers short and in large font with bullet points. Councilwoman Brown suggested using a title “Spring has sprung.” Councilman Logan suggested using “an important message from your Town.”

284 Agreement – Highway Department: Councilwoman Brown approved the 284 expenditure of Highway money in the amount of \$441,385. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams. Discussion: Chips money – this is what the money is for. All aye votes cast, motion carried.

Water and Sewer Fees: For application into districts, new construction and service restoration. Supervisor Hokanson questioned why not include in our re-organization meeting fees? Sending code with permit = sewer. Councilman Logan moved to accept the fees. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Fire Department – Smoke Alarms: Scott Schulte, Fire Captain, indicated 50 smoke alarms are in the budget. The Town pays for half of the fee for alarms. They are distributed to residences that don't have one or a working one.

Supervisor Hokanson stated it was misguided of the Village Board to make budget cuts in the fire department, particularly since the Town pays half.

Councilwoman Brown said she misspoke last week, Village cutting personnel what are new positions? Two half or 3 new positions downstairs?

Moratorium: Councilman Logan needs further discussion, need dates.

Alternates to the Planning Board: Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept the short form SEQR. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes, motion carried. No comment back from County yet so we cannot go any further.

Wetlands – Can go to the County? Is “Agriculture” consistent everywhere in the Town Code? Supervisor Hokanson responded “no.” County soil and water have to be incorporated?

Supervisor Hokanson gave an update on the Comprehensive Plan. The next meeting is planned for May 20th 6:30 p.m. at B.O.C.E.S. -the public is invited. The inventory portion is in draft form and is posted on the town website. Comments will be accepted until May 15th.

Councilwoman Brown added that she wants to prepare police department survey after getting Planning Board graph.

At 10:02 pm Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk

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OF APPEALS MEMBERS**

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