

**Town of New Paltz Public Hearing on Essential Services & Meeting
November 19, 2009**

Present: David Lewis, Jeff Logan, Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, and Toni Hokanson

Public Hearing on Essential Services

At 7:20 .pm. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to open Public Hearing on Essential Services. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

The Ulster County Planning Board indicated there was no County impact. Planning Board had no consensus either way – their suggestion was to maybe wait for the comprehensive plan. Supervisor Hokanson more similar to specialize plan.
At 7:23 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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At 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the pledge.

Agenda: *The Birches* conservation easement language (first of old business); put fence at bottom of new business; the Board will need to go into executive session. Councilman Logan added moratorium on flood plain, wood burning stoves; the Town Clerk added training for Planning Board and ZBA members. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes, motion carried.

Public Comment

Vici Danskin – CIT working on draft ordinance to control graffiti for Town and Village. Less than 2 pages. Borrowed from Walkkill, Ossining, Poughkeepsie, Kingston.

2 pronged approach – violators and recipients who do not clean up. Spray, stickers, posters, creeping into Town from Village business district. Hold Public Hearing on this after considering it. Chief Snyder been part of the group meeting. Supervisor Hokanson imposing fines is a problem – she suggest the committee should reach out to the judges.

Josh Honig, Town resident – budget – fund balance \$140,000 out of highway – Supervisor Hokanson – trucks in highway budget for purchase, plenty of money in budget. Supervisor Hokanson Town, **took out**.....Supervisor Hokanson – 10% in fund balance this year.

Comptroller office said reduce to 4-5%. Do not have to spend – still being saved appears different in budget. Have not gone down as far as 5%. 2% - library – 2605% increase in tax rate.?????????
JAW – flat budget except for mandated increases, Police Dept is essentially flat, but for \$69,000 for building.

Butch Dener – Town resident – before budget – study-free speech – banning political lawn signs – annoying, expensive. Supervisor Hokanson not on private property – can not ban political signs on private property for 4 weekd prior to election.

Discussion on Budget – Saugerties – outreach of successful contractors/landscapers for work. The Town needs work done (Rohrs, Maseo)

Budget – goes back to 1 cop – went thru a lot, now have one of best police forces in County. To hear talk of cutting budget in that area – criminals are afraid to misbehave here. We need that dog. Do not hurt what really helps – let us support those that take care of us.

Ira Margolis – at last budget meeting - \$41,000 for car purchase – donor asked to be kept anonymous for sake of public having confidence, Town Board should make it clear it was a not strings – attached donation.

Rachel Lagodka, Village resident, asked get a seat belt for the dog?

Kevin Barry Town resident resolve Springtown Road moratorium quickly.

Consider joint task force with Village and school Board to coordinate as unified – Town Village School. Combined efforts for future – he would volunteer for water and sewer – produces revenue to offset expenses going forward. Let us take care of our community from within.

Presentation – Plattekill Creek Study – KT Tobin Flusser – campus assistant director for CRREO – students.

Goal: to investigate quality of Plattekill Brook.

Community Announcements:

Parking lot at the Community Center is paved, hosting a senior holiday celebration 12/11 @12:30 pm.

Jeff wants to remind people of Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving for family – also donations for meals.

Agenda:

Old Business

Birches – Pamela Richardson, attorney for language of conservation easement – changes are forthcoming.

Comments – clarify land is not contiguous – flows around property; defining injury to Open Space, issues arising after property is sold. Narrative submitted to Planning Board. KB – narrative should pay looking for benefits and kinds of value, JL – cluster law – KB – this does not meet that.

Supervisor Hokanson no requirement for narrative to describe benefits.

SEE Tape –Supervisor Hokanson applicant and Planning Boardshould not be holding up conservation easement

Baseline documentation

Paragraph 1 in easement – forested wetland, open space areas.

KB – baseline study planned before it snows? Steve Village requires aerial photography – good time – goes to Planning Board on Monday. Supervisor Hokanson required to ask 3rd party for holding easement – WVRT is recommended and to do baseline.

KB – endowment. Settled on a figure yet?

Pamela as per schedule need to accept form before Planning Board meeting. On the 3rd hope to get letter okayed for Planning Board.

Noise Ordinance

Looking for consistent ordinance for Police Dept. Draft has not gone to attorney for legalese preparation for our code, to prepare for Public Hearing

Sally Rhoads thanks the Town, Supervisor, Village, Mayor and chief. Worked with liquor authority.

Reviewed by District Attorney. Built in optional decibel – K-4 needs language clean –up – might be open container, not noise. Looking for language to improve quality of life in community.

Page 6 – K-4 noise ordinance should not address loitering in front of a tavern – or open container law covered, covered elsewhere.

KB – change construction start time 7 to 8 am.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to refer noise and graffiti to attorney Moriello. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

9:13 p.m. break to 9:22 p.m.

Essential Services Law – public Hearing closed, full EAP done. Councilwoman Brown; strike – add Town want to hold all public service buildings to design in Comprehensive Plan (do not ask for variance). Councilman Logan: Planning Board split over our bypassing Board existing for a reason (ZBA). Should not be bypassing our Boards.

Supervisor Hokanson responded that it was common for the Planning Board to waive certain requirements. She spoke with Planning Board chair Paul Brown – no consensus, he said you should move forward.

Councilman Logan says new facts are available since attending their last meeting- members are not comfortable with bypassing.

ENCB – not in support of this law.

Councilman Logan: essential services will become as floating zone. Supervisor Hokanson disagrees -not many applications will be made.

*****KB** – Supervisor Hokanson moved, Councilwoman Brown seconded, SEQR, Negative Declaration, all aye votes

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the Local Law as written. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams – Councilman Lewis made a motion to table to discuss with Planning Board, and ZBA members. Put off till December 3rd meeting?

ENCB said no. Planning Board cannot make decision; majority leaning not something – Town Board should discuss, wait for master plan.

Vote: No votes cast by Council members Brown and Logan; Yes votes cast by Council members Lewis and Williams and Supervisor Hokanson, motion carried.

YOU HAVE TO FIX THE ABOVE CAUSE I DON'T GET IT.

2010 Budget – issues of recreation; equipment groomer of \$650. It includes 2 fields (Clearwater and Dressel) Supervisor Hokanson says \$650 worth it. Councilman Logan suggested to loosen shale with hand rake. Supervisor Hokanson says chain drag is a problem. Councilman Logan suggested to use old technology – a safety issue/

Cut – Supervisor Hokanson has cut \$14,000; Councilman Logan says cut not acceptable. He suggested to cut hand mowers, shed, york rake, grooming machine. Councilman Logan move to decrease Recreation budget \$14,850, seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes. Rack body truck – Police Department - Supervisor Hokanson recommends to table, she will call chief to check in working order, using it ? transfer?

Councilman Logan moved to remove \$10,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown. Friendly amendment – if not available, fixable.....Vote 2 aye from Councilmembers Logan and Brown, 3no votes.

Tractor – Supervisor Hokanson say to omit. Councilman Logan moved to remove \$8,000 tractor. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Aerator – he said/she said. Supervisor Hokanson suggested keeping it in the budget, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, NO - Supervisor Hokanson withdrew motion. Councilman Logan suggested to remove aerator, then withdrew.

Infield mix – Councilman Logan made a motion to cut by \$10,000. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, no vote from Supervisor Hokanson, four aye votes, motion carried.

Recreation aide – leave \$6240, remove \$12480. - would do same thing at different times. Find a volunteer at Woodland Ponds. Councilman Lewis asked who is getting volunteers.

Supervisor Hokanson justified the need for recreation aide. Councilwoman Brown: hire a part time assistant for Chuck. – Cannot add four new part-time people. Omit activities for this year if necessary, we've bitten off more than we chew. Cut back, not spend more money. Councilwoman Williams: it also cuts your revenue. Supervisor Hokanson questioned Senior spending versus Youth spending.

Councilwoman Brown feels the Teen Scene should be a 501 C3.

Councilman Logan made a motion to cut \$12480. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, no votes cast by Supervisor Hokanson and Councilwoman Williams. Aye votes cast by Council members Logan, Lewis and Brown, motion carried.

Riding mower

Supervisor Hokanson called the Chief. Councilman Logan is right – 99%, Truck used for events, barricades, etc. We can work around their schedule – remove Police ID from the truck– Police will borrow when needed. Councilman Logan made a motion to remove \$10,000 for vehicles. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion to remove the aerator. Seconded by Councilman Logan, 2 aye votes, 3 no votes.

Councilman Logan made a motion to remove \$2500 for a new riding mower.

Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, yes votes by Councilmembers Logan and Brown. No votes cast by Councilwoman Williams and Supervisor Hokanson.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to remove the aerator from the Recreation budget. Seconded by Councilman Logan- 3 aye votes, 2 no votes.

Seasonal maintenance – Councilman Logan asked if can hours be cut? Supervisor Hokanson stated it's not just cutting grass

KB seasonal at \$26000, recreation aide at 4000

Table Jill to 12/3

RFP for benefits – we may be missing stuff

Councilwoman Williams moved to accept the budget as amended, seconded by Councilman Logan. Vote: No Councilman Logan – Councilwoman Brown agrees in spirit with Logan but disappointed in losing votes on PD; 4 ayes votes.

Mangelli Property: topic being moved to the December 3rd meeting, along with wood burning and moratorium.

Planning Board request for audit – Sedore & Company (independent auditors) did not include price. It should cost \$2000–3000, based on how many hours it takes.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion authorizing herself to sign the agreement with Sedore to audit the Planning Board fees. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes, motion carried.

Fencing labor \$865; materials \$1906 quoted by Recreation Director Chuck Bordino. This is to abate the safety issue - the hill by the Community Center and Village Arms apartments next door. B& G could possibly install the fence, Supervisor Hokanson will ask. She indicated vinyl fencing is contingent upon the Building Inspector's approval. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Planning Board and ZBA Training – 4 hours per person? Check for December 3rd meeting.

Warrant

Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize supervisor to pay \$798,814.81 for the November warrant. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes, motion carried.

Prepayments:

Councilman Logan made a motion to approve the prepayments of \$2264.30; \$680; and \$4376.25, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Next meeting: Set Wednesday December 3, 2009 for a 10 a.m. Board meeting.

11:27 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson – litigation and personnel – withdrew

Litigation – Councilwoman Brown made a motion to take an action: to accept the recommendation of the Town Assessor on a tax litigation. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:28 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk