

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting
Public Hearing Wood burning stoves
April 15, 2010**

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

At 7:25 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson moved to open the Public Hearing on the Wood burning stoves local law. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes were cast, motion carried.

Josh Honig, Town resident, did a slide show presentation on outdoor wood burning boilers citing that these boilers put out 72 grams of bad particulates into the air hourly. He sees a problem with the height of the chimney, citing that the smoke follows the geography and lingers low to the ground. He cited neighbors' complaints that the smoke is slow to rise and disperse, particles in the air, health problems, and problems using your own backyard because of the smoke. He went on to say that one of the toxic emissions is formaldehyde. He went on to say that the Lung Association has said that this smoke is causing lung problems for many. Josh also cited that there is a problem of disposal of ashes and creosote. He had handouts listing the names of the towns banning outdoor wood burning boiler and stoves. At the end of the presentation Josh handed out a copy of the Cuomo report.

Fawn Tantillo said she read the law and was disturbed. She questioned what went wrong with the permitting process. Five people paid for permits and questioned if they will be grandfathered in. She is in support of outdoor stoves and sees it as good as indoor burning stoves. She commented on the smoke issue, stating that there is smoke at a BBQ and that does not stop people. Fawn is not convinced that there is a need for a new law. She handed out pellets that the military use to take the place of wood, which would reduce carbon foot print. Fawn had questions on abandonment of use clause.

Supervisor Hokanson advised the public that no action would be taken at this meeting, the Building Inspector and Attorney requested that the board delay their decision.

Councilwoman Brown stated that she would like this done by next week.

Councilman Logan sees that the board should insure that they are used properly, not the intent of the board to ban. Simple intent is to let people use their decks without the smoke.

Supervisor Hokanson said she was in favor of closing the Public Hearing until a better language of the law be written.

Chris Ulrich stated that the EPA certified wood burning and it is not the job of our Town Government to ban.

Paul Phillips thought the presentation of Josh Honig was negative. He went on to say that the white smoke does clear, he is the owner and his stove does not burn as Josh described all the time. His stove does not burn 24/7; he has had his stove for 12-15 years.

Councilman Logan explained the intent is that garbage rubber tires are not being burned and to make sure proper materials are being burned.

Supervisor Hokanson suggested again closing the hearing and re-notice, and suggested making a list and then we will inform them of the changes.

Dave Petfield from Burleigh Rd claimed that the board was lumping Wood burning boilers as monsters and that was not so. He had a handout explain the reasons why he chose a wood burning outdoor boiler.

Fawn Tantillo added that the State may pass law on outdoor wood burning boilers' and if that was so then there would be no need for the Town Board to act. She is in favor of some sort of demonstration.

Josh Honig insists that the smoke stacks height must be raised.

Chris Ulrich referred to Split Rock – Redwood stumps going 24/7.

Toni Pettfield explained that burning wood was her choice and that she would be willing to give a demonstration.

Paul Phillips stated he has a wood stove and that he favors regulation in chimneys but insists that Outdoor wood burning stoves or boilers can be a benefit if used properly.

At 8:30 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:40 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Supervisor Hokanson removed Wood burning stoves off the agenda. Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt agenda as amended, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Brenda Elliot stated she has lived on Plutarch Road for 58 years and it has never flooded.

Supervisor Hokanson explained that only a small portion of Plutarch where stream culverts connect. She assured Brenda that new language has been added. This language would eliminate sub divisions 1 foot over 100 year flood plain. It would eliminate the problem on Kleinekill and Plutarch. She explained that the town is taking baby steps. The intention is to stop adding new residents in flood area with no emergency access. We need to refer to our local boards (planning, zoning) for their comments and suggestions then send it to County. Plan to set a date for Public Hearing.

Robert Waymand questioned the board if they have a date. Is it the third Thursday in May or June?

Councilman Logan stated that the flood maps needs more discussion, he suggested lifting the law and work diligently to get a law that everyone understands.

Councilwoman Brown hoped that by sending it to County that the county will answer their concerns.

Calendar events: wait staff at Harvest Café; 90 miles Off Broadway; Cop for kids; Clean Sweep; Regatta; Rabies Clinic

YMCA Contract: Justin Hine present for the Y to answer any questions. Councilwoman Brown questioned if both pools (UC Pool and Moriello) are available to the campers. Supervisor Hokanson explained that at present they are trying to make arrangements with the county for their pool. Councilman Logan questioned if new building is going to meet code standards. Supervisor Hokanson responded that the Building Inspector is “okay” on accommodation and that the Health department must inspect. Councilman Logan questioned on reducing the cost per camper. Justin Hine replied that \$2.70 per hour per child, and that could not be reduced anymore. Councilman Logan sees the cost of Gardiner and Rosendale as cheaper. Justin explained that the “Y” brings something different. It is a longer day. Quality and Training staff building relationship with the camper. Councilwoman Brown questioned if there is before and after care and if town residents applying to be counselors would be considered first for employment. Justin stated that the Y’s motto caring, honesty and respect. Councilman Logan expenses would be added to the budget such as Porto potties and water filtration. He can not anticipate the cost of water filtration. Supervisor Hokanson assures him there is money in the budget. Councilman Lewis said that the advantage is the town would be getting experience staff. Councilwoman Williams estimated that the cost of 3 port-o-potties for 3 months would be less than \$1000. Councilwoman Brown questioned the cost of the county pool, the port-o- potty. Supervisor Hokanson explained that the cost would be for the electricity in the building, for the port-o- potty and that they are still waiting to hear from the county for the cost of the county pool. Councilman Logan is not happy that the money from the camp goes to the “Y”.

Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize not to exceed \$1500 for cost of Porto-potty for 6 weeks, and to refer to Attorney Moriello. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign contract pending Attorney's approval, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Development within areas of special flood hazard local law: Councilman Logan commented that before the board refers it has to understand the law. He objects to paying Dave Clouser. Councilwoman Brown suggested referring this out and then sending it to county for their recommendations. Councilman Logan suggested lifting moratorium and working on the language. However Councilwoman Brown fears that applications for sub divisions will come in. Supervisor Hokanson reminded the board that they are only amending chapter 82 not rewriting the whole chapter and that she is comfortable sending to Planning then on to County. Councilwoman Williams said she had no problem with the ENCB reviewing with Town Board. Councilwoman Brown moved to refer local law to the Planning Board, County and ENCB for their review, to declare the Town lead agency and to set Public Hearing for 5/20 at 7 PM. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Request for access to Moriello Playground for April 24th: Supervisor Hokanson explained that the request is for 4 tables underneath the pavilion from 1:30 to 3:30 for an Easter egg hunt on 4/24. Councilwoman Brown said there is a need for a policy for this but it is too late for this case. Councilman Logan moved to approve the request for 4 tables underneath the pavilion from 1:30 to 3:30 on 4/24, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Youth Center: Supervisor Hokanson explained they are looking for a 501c3 to take over the Youth Center and the town would gradually defund the program. By going "501C3" this would let the Youth Center get funding through Grants that the Town does not have the opportunity to get. Councilwoman Brown suggested the "Y" and Supervisor Hokanson explained she had talk to them some time ago but the Y had financial problems. Councilwoman Brown said the budget is a breaking point. She suggested talking to Jim Tinger director to see if he could get some support. Councilman Lewis questioned if the Town could put up starting funds. Supervisor Hokanson responded that she had to check with attorney on that. Josh Honig suggested renting the Youth center building out. Councilwoman Brown asked if they could contract like the Town does with the Library and Family. She offered to send press release making the program less dependent on the Town.

Budget Format – put on agenda for next week.

Committee Reports:

Greenworks: sponsoring a table at Earth Day celebration

HPC : Fawn Tantillo, future commission applicant, attended the meeting.

Councilman Logan stated that there were openings on the Planning Board, Open Space, Ethics and ENCB.

Planning Board: completed SEQR on Hampton Inn, sent to ZBA then back to Planning.

Warrants and Prepayments:

Councilman Lewis made a motion to authorize the payment of \$689,897.27 for the March warrant. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the payment of PO #91423, from AAA522501010 Highway Superintendent to the Association of Towns in the amount of \$90 for registration fee for 2010 highway school being held in June. This motion was seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the payment of PO #91422, from AAA522501010 highway Superintendent to Cornell Local Roads Program for \$60.00, this is the registration fee for 2010 Roadway Construction Program being held 5/4-5/2010. This motion was seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams moved to approve the payment of PO # 91021, from Attorney budget to DiStasi & Moriello in the amount of \$2696.11, this invoice was held for information last month. The motion was seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the payment of PO #91414 from Sports Park to Brad's Barn in the amount of \$14943.00 the balance due on a storage shed to be located in the SportsPark. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to approve the payment of PO 91572 from Community Center to World Kitchen LLC in amount of \$120.45; this is an invoice for dishes for the Community Center. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:15 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring firing promoting demotion of an individual. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:45 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to come out of Executive Session with no action taken. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:47 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Ann Liggan
Deputy Town Clerk