

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting**  
**April 17, 2008**

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

Agenda: Supervisor Hokanson moved to add Rick Alfandre proposal, to end of new business, also update on Municipal Building Committee to end of old business. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Announcements:

Ulster County passed Social Host legislation. The new law charges adults providing alcohol to minors at private parties.

Mohonk Preserve free 5/26 weekend – 1 month membership to preserve – surrounding towns.

Heating expense aid 334-5436

Assessor hours – M 8 – 12; T,W,H,F 4 – 7 pm; Sat. 10 – 12 twice a month.

Recycling Bins – Water St. Market

Town Residents free dump 4/19 – 5/26

Public Input:

Margaret Human regarding Crossroads, Town Board will ask for consideration community benefits, i.e., rental costs. Less floor space different appliances, 15-year cap on affordability – urged board to require longer period. Councilwoman Brown responded Harry Ellis, town resident, read aloud a letter asking the Board to pass a resolution opposing Rivendell's inclusion in an official Agriculture District.

Councilwoman Brown suggested the Board forward the request to the Town Attorney to include on next weeks' agenda.

Terry Dungan, Village mayor, referred to the DOT study on Main Street; said it was split in 2 sections, east and west. The East has the highest traffic volume. Can pursue loop with DOT that concerns Town, don't need Village.

Everette Payne, Town Resident, re: Rivendell, feels the Town will pay big for something done wrong. A farmer should be able to do as he dam well pleases with his land.

Jonathan Wright, Town resident, stated RFP planning is under the wrong the context – we need to update comprehensive plan. Zoning is outdated in the Town and Village. Put update as priority – consider a moratorium on development.

Councilman Wishnick – 2 separate issues – moratorium and plan update. RFP needs to be sub strengthened in community involvement – have consultant identify major problems the Town is going to face. Mr. Wright agreed.

Joe Pereira, Town resident, is questioning the moratorium, will be back for that discussion.

Ira Margolis, Village resident, feels the mayor represents the college administration, not the residents. The candidate was put up to protect College interests, he is asking the Town Board to assist by setting up a debate.

Agenda items:

Seth Mc Kee, and Cara Lee, co chair of CWOSP update: 2 years ago 6/06 Town adopted Open Space plan. Town floated a bond to purchase land - \$2 million to general funds to protect Open Space. In November of 2006 68% of residents voted in favor; in 07 Town passed implementation law, established a commission.

Jill Gruber, HVME – spoken with Attorney and insurance agent. Need to start with a straight lease. That is not ready for tonight – will go on next week's agenda. Town will fund and then charge back. HVME takes in products and sells to the public. They need a home – we would be purchasing trailers on pod containers. We may get a donation. 14 -15 would be needed; cost could be \$1,000. (\$800. month lease payment) Councilman Wishnick wants to see a full business plan but thinks it is a good idea. Only commitment so far is allowing 1 trailer load to come to landfill.

Councilman Wishnick questioned if landfill employees helping will not impact their workload?

Joe Pereira, town resident, visits the landfill visitor everyday – they are not over burdened. Miriam Strauss, EnCC Committee member, agreed the work does ebb and flow, but don't overburden.

Awarding of Contract for Community Center Drainage: being awarded to the second lowest bidder, Landworks, in the amount of \$70,818.50.

Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize Supervisor Hokanson to hire Landworks and sign the contract. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. \$100,000. set aside in budget and \$90,000 grant available after \$350,000. is spent of Columbia's money.

2008 Chevy Pickup Truck: The Supervisor indicated a letter was sent to the Highway Superintendent with questions from the Board along with a request for an inventory. Superintendent says that CHIPS money is applicable to the truck in question. Councilman Wishnick suggests getting a letter from someone from at the State level saying this is suitable.

Supervisor Hokanson stated that answers one of the issues related to the purchase; does Town Board believe we should be purchasing any truck, and in particular, this one. Councilman Wishnick suggested giving it one more week for letter. The Superintendent should get to meeting next week.

The Inventory he submitted is not suitable – need to show depreciated values. Joe Pereira feels the money could be spent elsewhere for men on the road, on a 2-year basis. He questioned Chips funding – is there a definition?

Councilman Wishnick stressed to wait to hear from Highway Superintendent to help board to make decision.

Councilman Lewis added that the Highway could be doing 2-3 different jobs simultaneously, allow for that possibility.

Councilman Wishnick moved to table to next week with request to Phil to please come to meeting so the Board could ask questions, have Phil bring proof of eligibility (State)-pickup truck eligibility for CHIPS funding and update inventory where deficient. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Municipal Building Committee report: awaiting data from Lt. Snyder; we are only municipality with a Police Department having four shifts.

Graves–Morris : feel it is the Towns' responsibility to help them with \$1,000. deductible. Councilman Wishnick if employee damages anything we should stand behind it. Ask the driver

Rick Alfandre Proposal – Carol Roper additional work on evaluating most recent site and looking at additional options for Town Hall. Councilman Lewis moved seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Resolution for Training: Planning Board chair, Paul Brown: Councilwoman Brown moved to designate the Town Board lead agency and declare II, and authorize Paul Brown to attend, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams made a motion to designate the Town Board Lead Agency, and declare a type II action, and authorize Phil Johnson to attend the Annual Highway School. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Request for extension on Water Bill for Spurling: Councilman Lewis made a motion to allow payment for the excessive water bill due to irresponsible tenants, to be extended for 6 months without penalty. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

Recreation Transportation Agreement: should be for the summer recreation program also. Councilwoman Brown made a motion authorizing the supervisor to sign the contract. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Audit recommendations: Councilman Wishnick made a motion to submit recommendations to all affected departments and ask for their comments. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Request for water hook-up: District #4: Referred to village also; a motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to approve 5 Calvin Boulevard to be hooked up to WD #4. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

RFP update for Comprehensive Plan: written by town engineer. Councilman Wishnick will work with Supervisor Hokanson to get ready for next week. Councilman Wishnick added: include Paul Brown.

Councilwoman Brown: report on EnCC: inventory maps ready for Board status. Martha Cheo staying on her expired seat to work on that. Councilwoman Williams indicated Robert Ferri would like to be re-appointed. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried. There is a possibility Jeff Clock is resigning from the ZBA. Councilwoman Williams on FOD: weather cooperating; complications arising due to Pat's resignation, correction: early retirement. Will meet with Mike Beck; first field to be ready for June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Prepays: Supervisor Hokanson made a motion approving payment on voucher # 86110 for Nickki Koenig Nielson to work on Open Space, Budget Line B871040. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to approve the prepay of voucher #86090 as part of Youth Center remodeling; part of grant. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Warrants: Councilwoman Williams approved the payment of April warrant totaling \$231,348.88. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Williams reported that Crossroads visual analysis done today.

At 10:38 p.m. a motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk