

**Town of New Paltz Town Board Meeting**  
**August 28, 2008**

**Present:** Kitty Brown, JaneAnn Williams, Dave Lewis, Ken Wishneck and Toni Hokanson  
At 7:39 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda:** Under old business add Bill Russell, Planning Board Escrow, lead agency missed.

**New Business:** Local Law – alternatives to ZBA and Planning Board, remove highway, policy – Steep Slopes; contract – Police Lt. and designation of assessor, DCO request. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all ayes votes cast, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Margaret Human asked if meeting agendas are on the website.

Councilwoman Brown answered that it is on the calendar by clicking on the date.

Ira Margolis talked of the “segment of the population” banned from using the playground.

He compared Pool Director Bill Russell to the Village mayor, claiming neither of them cared. He brought up the issue of handicapped parking and provided photos of the subject.

June La Mark, resident of Mulberry Street, sent a letter to the board on parking concerns; she stated it was a hard summer for her. There is a gas line that runs along the pool parking on top of it right next to her house. The cones that are there are not respected. Tractor trailers can not easily get in with the bikers/walkers/handicap parking.

Ann Mueller, Town resident, asked about a local law on non-domestic animals in the R-1 zone. Supervisor Hokanson responded it was referred proposed regulations to the Planning Board. Will provide written comment.

Town Clerk brought up the topic of permission to hunt and fish at the landfill.

Ira Margolis insisted no photos

Councilwoman Brown suggested putting it back on the agenda.

Ann Muller claimed that the highway superintendent was against hunting and fishing at the landfill, claiming it was unsafe.

Fred Van Nostrand, Town resident, had a question on the Community Center about the pipes running from the apartment complex. He asked who is paying, as he feels it is not fair to taxpayers. He went on about the landfill said nobody supervises cardboard. It is his opinion that someone should be checking down on this. On ideas he had questions; safe bike pedestrian over the thruway and asked why should developer have to put this; and dog park only for residents who live at Crossroads.

Supervisor Hokanson stated it was stormwater going to detention pond, and as for dog park if it was only for Crossroads residents it would be “public” then.

**Community Announcements:** Calendar events

**Agenda:** add presentation by Chuck Bordino, new Recreation Director; comenter community center, FoD first two fields projected for spring of '09; lot of misconception there. Pond for skating, hill for sledding, but not all sports. Give us your ideas. Amphitheater with SUNY; Jogging, walking trials. Looking forward to working with seniors.

Bill Russell and John Orcutt: Supervisor Hokanson '07 parked was closed during pool season and previously, said Bill. Good-safe program at pool. Letter from Bill re: park/pool issue. This is typical of other areas. 500 people max within gates. It was always supposed to be part of pool when pool is open.

Councilwoman Brown: years ago playground was not part of pool; go back to record of presentation by Shari. If for pool patrons only Councilwoman Brown made a mistake by voting yay. Real failure of communication.

Not one complaint last year.

Josh Honig, Town resident: you as municipality are subject to laws of NYS; once a park is dedicated it stays dedicated. Money was raised – Town put \$8425 and a match by Village. Stewarts - \$1150 I matching funds. Cost of playground? Nyquist Foundation -\$1407 for swing units. Given in expectation to public park, open at all times. Supervisor Hokanson can contact Town attorney.

Margaret Human, Town resident, doesn't understand objection-NYS health code law.

Bill re: Josh: pool is park, park is pool.

Erin: how much does town spend to subsidize

Supervisor Hokanson: it's reducing with membership increasing. 140 family memberships.

Jane Daly: HUD: low income 80% - very low -5070 we are not going to apply any tax abatements – it's in the DEIS.

Tax assessor – very old housing stock; Ken: workforce afford housing

Jane: this is one development.

Jane: no building over 35,000 sq.ft – *Kohl's, Michael's, Bed, Bath & Beyond* are all outlawed. Office – small restaurant -20% - 10% service related. Leaves 50% for retail. L-shaped buildings are not suitable for big-box stores. Additional water capacity on site that they don't need.

Councilwoman Brown asked about gray water recycling. Jane Daly responded it can be used for toilets only. Irrigation – collected by stormwater.

**.Planning RFP:** received all proposals (for Comprehensive Plan).

**.Public Hearing for EnCC to EnCB:** a motion was made by Councilwoman Brown designating the Town as lead agency. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to set the Public Hearing to 7:15 p.m. on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

. Conservation Easement endowment policy: the Birches – who will pay for baseline study? Larger donated parcel the more it costs. Amend Conservation Easement to include donors. Pays for baseline...

Supervisor Hokanson: get proposal for updating this. Update cluster subdivision law.

Councilwoman Brown: Planner in B.I. office should monitor easements. Tabled.

**.Planning Board escrow:** Lead agency overlooked at previous Board meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Wishnick to designate Town as Lead Agency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Local Law to allow Planning Board, ZBA to have alternates:** Supervisor Hokanson: refer zoning version to ZBA. Review carefully before setting Public Hearing.

**.Contract for traffic:** Studley Party on 10/18: held annually as a fundraiser for the Youth Center – Town Board invited. His tradition is to hire Police officers at his cost. A motion was made by Councilman Wishnick. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Building Dept:** Councilwoman Brown made a motion. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**.Resolution for Justice Grant:** It is for \$30,000 – no match required. Last year the grant was to assist with the handicapped lift and bathroom, but the cost of the lift exceeded the money. Court is asking for security window used for fire paying-they currently use a dutch door. This year's grant would be for the bathroom and security window, which total \$30,274. A motion was made by Councilman Wishnick authorizing the grant. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**,Policy for enforcing steep slopes and clearing grading law by the Building Inspector:** A motion was made by Councilman Wishnick. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**,Contract for Police Lieutenant:** Steve Osarczuk currently Sergeant is being promoted to Lieutenant as agreed to at the last Board meeting. A motion was made by Councilwoman Williams authorizing the Supervisor to sign the contract. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**,Designation of Assessor:** Lorry King, who will be starting on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Supervisor stated that generally an assessor has a six-year term with a set beginning and end date. Ms. King has a shorter time frame due to our not having any experience with her. Upon the attorney's advice she will be designated as acting assessor, pursuant to Real Property, Section 3121. She is

designated as such until we appoint her sole assessor or someone else. There is no contract, she is an employee at will. Councilwoman Williams said generally they are not eligible for benefits, however Supervisor Hokinson stated the salary, benefits and time has been negotiated. A motion was made by Councilman Lewis to designate Lorry King as Acting Assessor. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried. Supervisor: she will need to get sworn in as Acting Assessor.

**.DCO request:** The Town provided 1/3 of a GPS system for Jill's car. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown provided the money was available in the DCO budget. Seconded by Councilman Lewis. A friendly amendment was offered by Councilwoman Brown, to take the money from the contingency account if there was not enough in the DCO budget. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**.Pool Request:** Bill Russell and Chuck Bordino –grant money available for this?

**.Appointments:** a motion was made by Councilwoman Williams to appoint *Kathy Interrante* and *Rita Toohey* to the HPC. Seconded by Councilman Wishnick, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Prepays:** A motion was made by Supervisor Hokanson to approve voucher #86924 in the amount of \$1370.40 – sinks. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 11:09 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Lewis to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk