

**Town of New Paltz-Town Board Meeting  
January 17, 2008**

**Present:** Nick Cartagena, David Lewis, Kitty Brown, Jane Ann Williams, Toni Hokanson

At 7:39 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson opened the meeting with the pledge of Allegiance..

**Agenda:** add to the agenda, clothing recycling, before ZBA fees. Councilwoman Williams added Guy Visk,s requestof recycling refund request from resident. Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept agenda as amended. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, all aye votes, motion carried

**Public Comment:**

Erin Quinn, New Paltz Times reporter, questioned town gown meetings being closed to public and press. Opinions? Supervisor Hokanson checked with SUNY assistant to president. Mixed feelings – not town board quorum- not required to notice. At times they discuss sensitive issues; it's a good tool for open communication with the school district and emergency communications. College – no input. Councilwoman Brown as new liaison did not know of meeting. Public comment session could be helpful. Spread meeting location out among Town Hall, Village Hall, SUNY for the 6 meetings per year. Councilman Cartagena agrees with Councilwoman Brown for public forum. Councilman Lewis suggested the College should decide for themselves.

**Announcements:**

Land stewardship scholarship available to Mid August Mohonk Preserve, see Guy for address.

**Old Business:**

**PUD** – change in zoning law – hearings have been held, there are no significant changes. Negative Declaration – long form EAF – Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the Negative Declaration. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, one abstention by Councilman Lewis, all other aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to adopt the PUD. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena.. One abstention Councilman Lewis abstained, all other aye votes, motion carried. .

**Petition:** Ransom/Wine dynamic duo – correction on agenda “insert” not “amend” definition of agriculture. Agriculture property using building for sales, etc is non-conforming use.

Supervisor Hokanson – definition of farm a concern? Susan: indicated it was more onerous. Robert Ransom stated concern is use. Antiquated concepts = acreage. Susan Wine stated farmers milking cows, apple growers packing apples in building not in compliance with Town Code. Can not do anything – ZBA not able to balance that in their interpretation. Adopt definition of agriculture that is missing, definition not in compliance with master plan. Wetlands definition of agriculture is same he is proposing (state department of Agriculture and Markets) definition of agriculture evolved and changed over the years. Set dangerous precedent thru ZBA decision. Steep Slopes, Clearing and Grading law restricts buildings on a farm, property has to be on land qualified for tax. Supervisor Hokanson stated it needs to go in local law form, hold Public Hearing, go to County Planning, do SEQR.

Susan Wine: County is okay with this.

**Theresa Fall, Clothing recycling:** Planet Aid and Theresa corresponding via e-mail– have an interesting concept. This is a not-for-profit group who collects textiles via curbsite p/u and bins. National group collects clothing, linens, childrens toys, and sells them to various countries then invest proceeds in education, community development healthcare– AfrAsia, Africa, Latin America. Greenworks Committee is looking to put bins – each American discards 65 % of textiles annually. Clothing drive is of interest also. \$.02 per pound to be gained. Proposal for curbside pickup, although problematic. Supervisor Hokanson not opposed to having a bin at the recycling center. Board members to look at website for Planet Aid. Interest in getting students involved locally. Margaret Human, Town resident, indicated there was a downside to the act of selling secondhand clothes-detriment to fabric industry in Africa: should look into unintended economic consequences to Africa.

Update on bins looking good: almost 40 are gone; will going to dump storage shed. As money comes in lids will be ordered. More green bags are coming. College student putting website together. The textile project to go on January 24th agenda.

**ZBA fees:** Updated with input from Linda Donovan and Attorney Joe Moriello. A motion was made by Councilwoman Brown to adopt the ZBA fees as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Waiver Request:** St. John Bosco requested to have dump fees waived. Supervisor Hokanson feels cautious – no garbage fees waiver request ever received – not contract agency Councilman Cartagena with Town as family –fears request from every not for profit in town. She is inclined to send condolences and say no. Councilman Lewis stated that the board has to be fair to all New Paltz agencies. Councilman Cartagena stated while it is an admirable agency he agrees with the supervisor; Councilwoman Williams agrees also. The supervisor will send a letter of regret to the agency.

**Highway** – to move funds into equipment reserve –done yearly – can't do it yet-need to have amount first from closing out of 2007.

**Public Hearing on the Fire Contract** – Supervisor Hokanson suggested to set Public Hearing for February 7th at 6:30 p.m., money needs to be taken from 2007 funds.

Councilwoman Brown suggested letting the public look at the budget. Mayor provided copy of budget.

Terry Dungan, Mayor stated \$208,374. – the fire reserve fund is not part of the operating budget. New paperwork is coming. Contact changes – formula included. SUNY donates fuel as in-kind donation –they do not pay. Some fireman volunteers are students.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to set the Public Hearing on February 7th at 6:30 p.m. The Police Commission meeting, scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>, will follow, starting at 6:40 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**CWOSP** – hire John Behan – not necessary for 3 quotes 1 -9 quote 10,000 and over bids. Councilwoman Brown moved to authorize the supervisor to sign the contract with Behan Associates. Seconded by Councilman Cartagena, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

**Recycling Refund:** Customer was not willing to separate recyclables, asking for refund. Councilwoman Brown wants the information in writing. Councilwoman Brown would like a discussion on recycling to be included on another meeting agenda.

#### **Committee Reports**

Councilwoman Brown:

EnCC invited Building Inspector Stacy Delarede to speak – incorporate more green standard for building codes.

HPC – Historic Reconnaissance Study completed; fascinating – Neil Larson coming to speak at next week's meeting-- 10 minutes tops.

Missed Town Gown meeting

Councilwoman Williams:

Field of Dreams – coming along nicely, One field available for some spring playing but fully in fall. Woodcrest next year 2 fields available in 2009.

Supervisor Hokanson:

-Citizens corp being revived, a flyer will be going out with an assessor's office mailing – preparing for emergencies and providing other related info. Forming neighborhood groups is a goal.

-Attended meeting for County salt shed. Will be located near the Field of Dreams; salt will be kept indoors on an asphalt pad, with loading of trucks taking place indoor. This will help to eliminate the problem of contaminating the soil.

Councilman Cartagena:

Attended the Planning Board meeting; there are concerns on the *Directional Sign* plan.

Planning Board chair Paul Brown will attend the sign public hearings next week to address concerns. Planning Board Attorney Lithco thought the Planning Board should have had referrals; Supervisor Hokanson explained that it was an oversight. New Board members are being sought.

**Appointments/Planning Board:** Councilwoman Brown made a motion to appoint Margaret Human to the Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

#### **Warrant:**

Councilman Cartagena made a motion to authorize the supervisor to pay the January warrant, totaling \$371,369.32 as outlined. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 8:58 p.m. Councilman Cartagena made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried. .

Respectfully Submitted,

Marian Cappillino  
Town Clerk