

**Town of New Paltz Public Hearing on Signs; Town Board Meeting
December 3, 2009**

Present: Jeff Logan, Dave Lewis, Jane Ann Williams, Kitty Brown, Toni Hokanson

At 7:15 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to open the Public Hearing on signs. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilwoman Brown read a statement recusing herself due to employer.

Supervisor Hokanson tried to bring everyone up-to-date – re noticed at attorney’s suggestion. Today she received couple of minor changes from Town Attorney – 4th page, section 12 – exempt article 8 S – Rail Trail add or state highway; page 6 section 18-19-141-06A – should say any lawfully existing sign; 141-08F same thing; lawfully existing not “permitted” extra “the”. Section 9 – in violation - should be paid by owner of building,

Summary:

Sign changes allowing directional signs at plaza illuminated adjusts to heights and sizes – internal temporary sign law with in their plaza if filed with building department without permit. **Check disc** Ed Hill proposes new directional sign at Cherry Hill monument style. The movie theatre sign not allowed sign will have to come down.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to close the Public Hearing on amendments of signs. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

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At 7:31 p.m. the pledge was recited, Councilwoman Brown returned.

Moment of silence for Tom Aube fireman, Tom Brush president of Rescue Squad and part time dispatcher. Will be missed in many ways.

Agenda – signs; Councilwoman Brown – PATV – allocation of funds from construction fund; resolution of Ulster County legislature. Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt as amended, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes.

Public Comment:

Community Announcements:

Holiday celebration, senior luncheon

Old Business:

Signs – Councilwoman Brown recused herself

Councilman Logan moved to amend LL article signs of code of Town of New Paltz as so entered, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to accept short form SEQR, seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to adopt Negative declaration, seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson moved to amend section 13 of code, seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Wood burning stoves – Gardiner law circulated to Board Members by Councilwoman Brown includes types of wood allowed. Permit required installation according to manufacture instructions – no site information. Information on 6 shared by Stacy, Building Inspector with Supervisor Hokanson and Councilwoman Williams.

Josh Honig suggested taking a tour to see these stoves in effect. Councilman Logan responded that our law does not include start up and shut down time where smoke is heaviest.

15 D – untreated wood add definition allowable wood – Supervisor Hokanson – leave to attorney Councilman Logan questioned pellets allowed in Gardiner?

Councilwoman Brown add prohibited of soft wood. Easier to use Gardiner model about what can be used.

Phase II stoves – above and beyond EAA rules

Councilman Logan will pursue language of Phase I (already in existence) have to meet all other requirements. Supervisor Hokanson stated need existing coming into compliance period. Set back requirements came from manufacture recommendations. Councilman Logan intent is to allow home heating in most convenient method and quality of life for the neighbors. Councilman Lewis agrees. Supervisor Hokanson says that height and set back good; still unclear on what to burn.

Councilwoman Brown questioned to add commercial produced pellets. She recommended hardwoods, pellets made for wood burning stoves.

Supervisor Hokanson recommends saying non-petroleum based fuels for outdoor. What about seasoned hardwood or natural untreated wood.

Supervisor Hokanson questioned on definitions should the board go back to Joe Moriello or move forward? 50 feet okay – 50 feet plus additional 2 feet.

Councilwoman Williams – our code 140-28 already says we have it in code enforceable.

Josh questioned tool measuring?

Councilwoman Brown zoning issue – going to Planning Board? Supervisor Hokanson responded yes. Councilman Logan owes attorney Moriello information types of furnaces.

General moratorium on sub division:

Councilwoman Brown section 3 A – residents ...4 or more lots – Supervisor Hokanson no major or minor breakdown for us. Councilwoman Brown questioned 4 or more lots or units? Supervisor Hokanson no site plan not subdivision code.

Councilwoman Brown wanted to add “and” moratorium and site plans? Supervisor Hokanson – has to go to attorney that makes no sense. Supervisor Hokanson admits she does not know answer. Multiple uses on a single lot proposal would come before Town Board. Supervisor Hokanson feels an adopted Comprehensive Plan should come before a moratorium or Councilman Logan said could hold over for 2 meetings – Jan and Feb.

Councilman Logan moved to designate the Town Board lead agency. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, no vote from Supervisor Hokanson, 4 aye votes cast, motion carried.

Councilman Logan moved to set Public Hearing for Building Moratorium, for 7 p.m. on January 21, 2010. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, no vote from Supervisor Hokanson, 4 aye votes. Motion carried.

New Business

UC Stop DWI 2010 contract (Task Force Agreement)

UC Stop DWI 2010 contract for court reporting:

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to sign the contract for DWI agreements – Police and 1 for court reporting of results. Seconded by Councilman Lewis. We get \$10 per case for court reporting. This is not a court – We get money for sharing information to the County. All aye votes cast for motion.

Contract for 2009 Audit: Agreement with Accountant (full audit – to improve our bond rating)

Supervisor Hokanson made motion. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Moratorium on building within areas of special flood concern: building within special flood concern – already passed in August. Was for six months with two 3-month extensions. Planning Board said 3 months – originally 6 month version filed with Secretary of State. Need to declare lead agency. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to declare the Town as lead agent. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to set the Public Hearing for 6:30 p.m. on December 30th. Seconded by Councilwoman Williams, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

PATV – Councilwoman Brown – language requested – Town Board notify residents with outstanding requests – cap of \$10,000.

Supervisor Hokanson responded that the problem with putting a cap on it if this is the intent of the fund. Supervisor Hokanson would like more information from cable co. Councilwoman Brown moved on behalf of PATV Commission; Money should not be sitting in TW Cable Account; Town Board notify remaining residences The PATV requests that the Town Board notify any remaining residents who have outstanding requests to access the town construction fund for installing cable be informed that this fund is to be used solely to install cable for cable television and that a cap of \$10,000 be applied to any extensions.

Seconded by Councilman Logan, We pay to run cable to Private Road. Construction fund – for providing cable service. Supervisor Hokanson to recycling unit for internet service – it would be prohibited. Councilman Logan thinks it is delaying the process. Supervisor Hokanson will get list for 12/17; aye vote from Councilwoman Brown, 4 no votes, motion failed.

Councilwoman Brown resolution elimination of 3 departments in the County: environment, Cornell cooperate extension, soil and water. Whereas Ulster County is proposing to eliminate two departments that are crucial to the well-being of our county, namely the Department of the Environment and The Cornell Co-operative Extension, the New Paltz Town Board respectfully requests that any present and retired County legislators who receive health care benefits contribute half of the monthly cost and that these savings be used to re-fund the two programs mentioned above.

Supervisor Hokanson stated she is not opposed to relay to county – stressing merits of these 3 offices rather find way to fund. Suggesting this could get stuck and the real message will get lost. 1. We do not know financial figure – 2. Taking away health care from retirees – you do not know impacts this would have.

Discussion. Ensued

Why are using money to increase budget to increase work force and lying off whole departments? Councilwoman Brown moved County Legislators voluntarily contribute ½ of their costs to their medical. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, 3 no votes

Councilwoman Brown moved the Town Board requests County legislature promotion of industry line at 2009 level - \$350,000 used to restore 3 departments, seconded by Councilman Lewis. Supervisor Hokanson adamantly opposed to eliminate programs.

Councilman Logan – promotion of industry – IDA? Not in favor of cutting HEAP

Councilwoman Brown moved Town Board strongly opposed to decision to defund.

Supervisor Hokanson replied that while she is adamantly opposed to elimination of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Soil and Water, while she is not adamantly opposed to dept of Environment and juvenile rehab because there is not enough information to make decision. She suggested to look at following areas of possible funding by increasing amount the legislature put toward health insurance without a number.

Councilwoman Brown prefers “opposed to defunding” she claims there is a lot of chatter out there and she does not want to send inaccurate letter.

Supervisor Hokanson suggested each Board member send their own letter but Councilwoman Brown would prefer to send one letter from the Board.

Councilwoman Brown made a motion the Town Board of New Paltz express its opposition to the defunding of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Soil and Water, Department of the Environment and to respectfully request that the legislature look at the following areas of possible funding in order to restore the funding. Areas are legislators pay an increase in the amount toward their health insurance and a reduction in the increase/in appropriation to the development corporation. Seconded by Councilman Lewis, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Ulster County Transfer Station Hours: Councilman Logan made a motion to deny the request to close transfer station on Saturdays. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 9:34 p.m. Supervisor Hokanson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of hiring, firing, promotion, demotion of a particular person.

At 9:35 p.m. Councilwoman Brown moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Logan, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

At 10:33 p.m. Councilman Logan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilwoman Brown, all aye votes cast, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Cappillino
Town Clerk