

**Village/Town Joint Meeting Minutes**  
New Paltz Village Board and New Paltz Town Board  
7:00pm, 04/27/2016, Village Hall

**Present:**

Village Mayor Tim Rogers  
Deputy Village Mayor Rebecca Rotzler  
Village Trustee Tom Rocco  
Village Trustee Don Kerr  
Village Trustee Dennis Young  
Town Supervisor Neil Bettez  
Deputy Town Supervisor Dan Torres  
Town Board Member Marty Irwin  
Town Board Member Julie Seyfert-Lillis

**Absent:**

Town Board Member Jeff Logan

**Also Present:**

Alex Wojcik, Assistant to the Board  
David Gilmour, Village Planner  
John Shupe, Assistant VP for Facilities Management at SUNY New Paltz  
Additionally: several other community members and members of the Press

**Call to order:** Mayor Rogers called the meeting to order at 7:00PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentations**

- John Shupe, Assistant VP for Facilities Management, presentation on construction at SUNY New Paltz

--John Shupe presented updates on SUNY New Paltz's ongoing campus revitalization/construction projects, part of the campus' "Master Plan"

--Sojourner Truth Library's renovation is complete; Wooster (old science building) is almost complete

--The "New Science Building" (the slate building off Plattekill) will be ready by the start of the Spring 2017 semester; Mr. Shupe assured the Boards that the shiny/reflective nature of the structure will soon fade

--As a part of NY State Executive Order 88, all this work is being done with LEED standards and energy saving goals in mind

--They are working with the Dept of Transportation towards safer crosswalks on Route 32

--Another Starbucks is being placed on campus (in Parker Theatre); Starbucks is brought to SUNY NP by the Campus Auxiliary Services (CAS) board.

--Presentation concluded at 7:40PM

7:40 PM Deputy Town Supervisor Torres made a motion to open the Town Board meeting; Town Board Member Irwin seconded.

**Administrative Business**

- Approval of the Agenda

--Approved

- Public Comment

--No public comments were made

**Business Agenda**

**1. Update on Empire State Development Meeting and the Governor's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI).**

- Municipal Center

--Mayor Rogers opened up by stating that the DRI is an "exciting opportunity." He met with SUNY NP earlier that day and they have expressed a similar excitement to work together with the Town and the Village moving forward. Mayor Rogers also noted that there is a meeting with SUNY's grant writer/planner coming up.

--David Gilmour added supporting details, asserted that New Paltz "seems like a place that is right for this opportunity!"  
--Brief discussion regarding target locations and the opportunities for "green" development ensued before moving forward to next topic.

## **2. Discussion about Mill Brook Preserve**

--Mayor Rogers opened up with some background information: much of the work is already done.  
--David Gilmour added some details  
--Mayor Rogers reminded everyone that the resolution calls for a public hearing on May 11  
--Village Trustee Rocco moved to vote on this now. Village Trustee Kerr seconded  
--8:00 PM Village Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye  
--Deputy Town Supervisor Torres motioned for Town to vote.  
--Town Board Member Irwin proposed an amendment: add "Inc." and drop "Friends" to correctly reflect the organization's name so "Friends of Mill Brook Preserve" now reads "Mill Brook Preserve Inc."  
--Mayor Rogers motioned to amend the resolution to reflect the addition of "Inc." to the group's name in the second "whereas" on page 2 of the resolution  
--8:03 PM Town Roll Call Vote: 3 Aye, 1 Abstain (Lillis), 1 Absent (Logan)

## **3. Update on Joint Master Plan**

--Also discussed Greenway Grant opportunity

## **4. IMA - Fire Truck**

--Deputy Clerk was asked to look back to confirm if/when the Village Board and the Town Board signed off on the IMA

## **5. IMA Extension – DEP Backup Water Supply Project**

--Mayor Rogers provided some background on the topic; the Village Board has been advised by counsel that it would be a "good thing."  
--Town Supervisor Bettez provided some examples of why signing the 99 year agreement would protect the Village and the Town. "Let's lock it up. The Town Board already voted in favor."  
--Village Trustee Kerr noted that the "concept called water security" includes the affordability of drinking water. Notes that a majority of Americans (about 67%) drink treated river water, even from the Mississippi.  
--Discussion on the prices of drinking water, how much water is used, and related sub-topics continued  
--Village Trustee Rocco moved for the Village Board to adopt the extension; Mayor Rogers seconded. All voted in favor (5 Aye, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

## **6. Discussion about Time Warner Cable Public Access Server**

--Agreement that Channel 23 is important, brief discussion of such

## **7. Establishment of Solid Waste Districts**

--Village Trustee Young provided some background on the issue and proposed the establishment of a joint committee to work on creating such districts. He recommended that the Town Board and Village Board each appoint 2 (two) members, plus Laura Petit of the Recycling Center (who has expressed enthusiastic interest in being an active member of such a committee)  
--Village Trustee Young motioned to approve the establishment of aforementioned joint committee; Mayor Rogers seconded  
--Deputy Mayor Rotzler suggested the committee look at composting opportunities as well  
--Mayor Rogers asked "who wants to volunteer?"  
--Village Trustee Kerr and Village Trustee Rocco suggested adding community members at large to the committee

--Village Trustee Young amended previous motion to establish a joint solid waste district committee composed of 1 (one) member of both the Village and the Town Board, plus Laura Petit, plus the ability to add community members at large  
--Mayor Rogers seconded; the Village Board voted in favor (5 Aye)  
--Town Supervisor Bettez made the same motion to establish a joint solid waste district committee composed of 1 (one) member of both the Village and the Town Board, plus Laura Petit, plus the ability to add community members at large; Deputy Supervisor Torres seconded; the Town Board voted in favor (4 Aye)  
--Deputy Supervisor Torres proposed adding Town Supervisor Bettez to the committee; Town Board Member Lillis seconded; all Town Board members voted in favor.

#### **8. Discussion Regarding Shared Services for Planning Board Attorney**

--Brief discussion regarding the importance of communication between both the Village and the Town Boards

#### **9. Discussion Regarding Central Hudson's Pesticide Use**

--The Shade Tree Commission and Environmental Policy Commission have expressed concern regarding Central Hudson's pesticide use  
--Mayor Rogers and Supervisor Bettez agreed to have a meeting with Central Hudson to get to the bottom of this issue.

#### **10. Fire Districts**

--The formation of Fire Districts was discussed; Deputy Mayor Rotzler will be following up with more information.

Village Trustee Kerr motioned to adjourn

Town Board Member Irwin asked about "other emails regarding Mill Brook Preserve"

--brief discussion continued

--Village Board Member Kerr recommended this topic be added to the next Village Board agenda

Mayor Rogers motioned to adjourn at 9:03 PM; Deputy Mayor Rotzler seconded

Deputy Supervisor Torres motioned to adjourn at 9:04 PM; Supervisor Bettez seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Alexandria Wojcik, Deputy Clerk