

**FEBRUARY 11, 2010
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Stuyvesant Town Board held a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 11, 2010. Supervisor Valerie Bertram opened the Public Hearing at 6:30pm by asking the Town Clerk to read the public notice. Melissa Naegeli, Town Clerk, read the following public notice as published in the Register Star:

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
February 11, 2010
6:30pm
STUYVESANT TOWN HALL
STUYVESANT, NY**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on January 11, 2010 at 6:30pm for the purpose of taking public comment on proposed local laws regarding increasing the Senior Citizen and Limited Income Disability Exemptions. This public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, New York. A complete schedule of the exemptions is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

*Melissa A. Naegeli
Town Clerk*

Supervisor Bertram explained that the sliding scale numbers had been increased by \$1000.00 and are reflected below (the same scale applies to both laws):

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>% of Exemption</u>
\$29,000.00 and under	50%
29,000.01 – 29,999.99	45%
30,000.00 – 30, 999.99	40%
31,000.00 – 31,999.99	35%
32,000.00 – 32,899.99	30%
32,900.00 – 33,799.99	25%
33,800.00 – 34,699.99	20%
34,700.00 – 35,599.99	15%
35,600.00 – 36,499.99	10%
36,500.00 – 37,399.99	5%

Supervisor Bertram asked if there were any questions from the Board members or from the Public. Since there were no questions or comments, Supervisor Bertram closed the Public Hearing at 6:35pm.

FEBRUARY 11, 2010
TOWN BOARD MEETING

The Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant held its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance at the meeting were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Brian Chittenden, Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilperson Edward Scott, Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli and Highway Superintendent Bernie Kowalski. Attorney for the Town Tal Rappleya was not in attendance.

Supervisor Bertram called the meeting to order at 7:08pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Ronald Knott and was approved unanimously..

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Bertram reported that there was no correspondence.

A motion was made by Councilman Edward Scott to the pay the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden and was approved unanimously.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli read her financial report and it is in file in her office.

Highway Department

Highway Superintendant Bernie Kowalski that all has been quiet. The Highway Department purchased 2 new tires that had been approved at the January meeting.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Gerry Ennis reported he is working on the End-of-Year report, the NYS Annual Report and the Census Reports.

Mr. Ennis also told the Board that he had given them each a copy of his recommendations for a proposed Outdoor Wood Burner law. Supervisor Bertram told Mr. Ennis that the Board will be discussing the proposed law at the next workshop meeting (March 4th) and that it would be helpful if he could attend.

Planning Board & Zoning Board

Report will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Greenway Committee

Councilman Knott reported that the Committee had met with Steve Winkley from the NYS Rural Water Association. Mr. Winkley shared with them samples of information he has been compiling including maps of bedrock in the area.

Councilman Knott also reported that the Committee expects to receive the final report of the survey results by February 25th. After reviewing the information a Public Information Meeting will be scheduled to share the results.

Councilman Knott reported that he had received a spiral-bound book of laminated area maps prepared by Scenic Hudson. We have also received the maps electronically and are working to get them loaded onto the website.

The next meeting will be February 25th at 7:00pm.

Town Hall Committee

No Report.

Railroad Restoration Committee

Councilman Knott asked Karen Hummel to update the Board regarding a proposed Art with the ICC Students. Mrs. Hummel reported that there are tentative plans for the Art Dept. of ICC and students to hold an Art Show at the Railroad Station on May 14th during the Farmers' Market.

Lee Jamison reported that the Farmers' Market is scheduled to open on May 7th and there are plans to hold a movie night with Mr. Dan Schoonover – "The 20th Century" will be shown.

Councilman Knott reported that the Construction Management plan has been submitted to DOT. There has been some controversy over the discrepancy in the forms that were submitted. The issues are being worked out and we are awaiting the DOT decision.

Town Historian

Mrs. Juanita Knott asked everyone to start thinking about Historic Stuyvesant Day that will be held on the 2nd Saturday in August. If anyone has any ideas for a theme please let her know. The theme should be something that will "educate then celebrate". She expects to have more information next month.

Assessor's Office

Assessor's Clerk, Catherine Knott, reported that Howard Gleason had met with the NYS Office Real Property Services and that the State has verified the Town's 100% Assessment for 2010.

Mrs. Knott reminded everyone that exemption forms are due back by March 1st and she reported that she will begin making telephone calls to remind those people who haven't returned them yet.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer reported that the Committee met on February 6th. Councilwoman Gumaer reported that the Full Moon Snowshoe & Owl Walk had been cancelled. The Walk has been rescheduled for February 27th at 7:00pm. Reservations will have to be made for the snowshoes – Michelle Richardson is the contact.

Councilwoman Gumaer announced that there will be a Hot Cocoa and Ice Skating party at the Stuyvesant Landing Ice Rink on Sunday, February 21st 1 – 3pm.

Councilman Gumaer also announced that the Valentine's Day/Snowman Building Party scheduled for February 13th has been cancelled.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 6th.

Trails Committee

Michelle Richardson reported that the Trails Committee had presented information to the Board members at their workshop the week before. A tentative meeting is being planned for April with the Town, DEC and DOT.

The next meeting will be March 9th.

Old Business

Supervisor Bertram reported that the Board members had received a lot of interest in the positions that had been advertised in the newspaper. Interviews were held for Dog Control Officer, Housekeeper and Town Representative to the County Environmental Management Council.

Councilman Edward Scott made a motion to appoint Wes Powell to Dog Control Officer, Louise Sacco to the Housekeeping position and Kathy Schneider to the County Environmental Management Council. Councilman Scott's motion was seconded by Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer. The motion was voted on and was approved unanimously.

Supervisor Bertram congratulated all of the newly appointed people.

Wes Powell introduced himself to the audience and said he looked forward to working with the Town. He will give his information to the Town Clerk to get it on the website as soon as possible.

New Business

Supervisor Bertram asked if the Board was prepared to vote on the proposed local laws that had been discussed at the Public Hearing earlier in the evening.

Councilwoman Rosalind Gumaer made a motion to adopt the proposed Local Law #1 Establishing Income Levels for Senior Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Edward Scott. The motion was voted on and was approved unanimously.

Councilman Ronald Knott made a motion to adopt the proposed Local Law #2 Establishing Income Levels for Disabled and Low Income Citizens Real Property Tax Exemption. His motion was seconded by Councilman Brian Chittenden. The motion was voted on and was approved unanimously.

Town Clerk Melissa Naegeli reported that she has received the new scanner/printer/fax machine for her office that had been approved at the January meeting.

Councilman Knott told the Board that he had distributed to copies to them with his ideas for a proposed Outdoor Wood Burner law. Supervisor Bertram added that the opinion that had been received by the County Environmental Management Council had some good ideas. The proposed law will be discussed further at the Workshop meeting to be held on March 4th at 7pm.

Supervisor Bertram reported that there will be a joint Public Meeting held between the Town Board, the Planning and Zoning Boards. The meeting will be held on February 27th at 1pm in the Town Hall. The meeting will be publicly noticed.

Public Comments

Mr. George Knott asked about an “illegal junkyard” on Summerset Road. The Board responded that it was a farm and that the materials in question were farm equipment. Supervisor Bertram said that if it was indeed farm equipment there was little the Board could do. She asked Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer Gerry Ennis to look into the situation.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Ronald Knott and seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Recorded this 11th Day of February 2010

Approved this 11th Day of March 2010

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

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FEBRUARY 2010 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

TOWN OF STUYVESANT ABSTRACTS				
FEBRUARY 2010				
CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
47	US Postal Service	1410.4	132.00	
48	George Knott 2009 (\$312.00)	1620.4	180.00	
		6140.4	132.00	
49	Columbia Co. Treasurer	9060.8	2,086.32	3,659.55
50	National Grid (2144.78)	5182.4	1,837.78	
		1620.4	307.00	
51	Fairpoint Communications (232.20)	1620.4	230.74	
		5132.4	1.46	
52	Kosco	1620.4	850.41	
53	CornerStone Telephone Co.	1620.4	33.71	
54	Columbia Co. Sheriff's Office	1620.4	10.00	
55	Catherine G. Knott (47.28)	1620.4	7.68	
		1355.4	39.60	
56	Rosalind Gumaer (445.10)	1010.4	110.10	
		7110.4	335.00	
57	Brian Chittenden	1010.4	100.00	
58	Johnson Newspaper (133.42)	1410.4	32.40	
		1010.4	101.02	
59	Columbia Co. Magistrate's Association	1110.4	50.00	
60	Columbia Co. Sheriff's Office	1110.4	172.56	
61	NYSTCA c/o Georgette Davis	1410.4	125.00	
62	The Saratoga Hilton	1410.4	699.69	
63	Xerox Corp.	1410.4	124.92	
64	Staples Business Advantage	1410.4	97.03	
65	Tal G. Rappleyea	1420.4	1,187.50	
66	Charlene Leach	6140.4	36.00	
67	Nikki DeCicco	8020.4	437.80	
68	NexTel Partners	5010.4	46.85	
69	Fleet Services	5110.4	335.98	
70	Main Care Energy (1946.44)	5132.4	1,489.48	
		5110.4		456.96
71	Unifirst Corp.	5130.4		79.84
72	Lowe's	5130.4		92.38
73	Ben Funk, Inc.	5130.4		520.46
74	Northeast Automotive Parts, Inc.	5130.4		191.40
75	Mooradian's	5130.4		534.96
76	Grainger	5130.4		493.88

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CLAIM #	PAYEE	A/C#	GENERAL	HIGHWAY
77	VanKleeck's Tire Inc.	5130.4		121.92
78	Northern Tool	5130.4		129.99
79	Marchese Ford & Mercury, Inc.	5130.4		151.84
80	CarQuest of Valatie	5130.4		112.66
81	Tonnie Savca Sr.	5130.4		100.00
82	Tractor Supply	5130.4		39.97
83	Columbia Tractor, Inc.	5130.4		248.23
84	Mario's Home Center (170.89)	5130.4		139.52
		5132.4	31.37	
85	Momar, Inc.	5132.4	343.87	
86	Rainbow Distributors	5132.4	7.00	
87	Culligan	5132.4	26.75	
	TOTAL		\$11,427.02	7,073.56

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