

October 12, 2006

The Stuyvesant Town Board held its regular monthly meeting on October 12, 2006 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Bradlee Webster, Councilperson Richard Cummings, Councilperson Ronald Knott and Town Clerk, Lori Ennis.

Superintendent of Highways Bernard Kowalski was also present.

A motion to approve the September minutes was made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster, seconded by Councilperson Richard Cummings, approved.

COMMUNICATION:

- **Cathy Knott** - Letter to Supervisor Bertram expressing her interest in running the Town's Halloween Party - to be held on October 28, 2006 at the Town Hall.
- **Louis Payne Foundation** - Flyer announcing an Open House to be held on October 21st from 2:00 - 5:00 pm.
- **Columbia County Office for the Aging** - Letter announcing the Nursing Home Ombudsman training program.
- **Dawn Collins-Ouellette** - Letter asking to use the Town Hall for a musical "meet your neighbors" program.
- **Martin Roby** - Letter to Supervisor Bertram expressing his displeasure at having letters read about him at a Town Board Meeting.
- **Cathy Knott, Assessor's Office** - Letter explaining the Star Program rebates.
- **State of New York Unified Court System** - Copy of a letter to Justice O'Hare awarding the Stuyvesant Town Court with a grant for \$1220.00 to purchase a new computer.
- **Healthcare Consortium** - Letter to Supervisor Bertram regarding the long-term care and outreach program and offering an educational program to the residents of the Town.
- **Town of Stockport** - Letter announcing a proposed Local Law (#1-2006) to establish and impose a moratorium for six-months on the filing, acceptance review and approval of major subdivisions within the Town of Stockport. A Public Hearing will be held on November 1 at 7:00pm at the Stockport Town Hall.
- **Ichabod Crane Central School** - Letter to Supervisor Bertram inviting her to a meeting of the communications committee on October 24, 2006 at the Central office regarding school tax levies.
- **Department of Environmental Conservation** - Letter regarding the protection of NYS' water resources.
- **Communities Connecting** - Letter to introduce the group to local officials.
- **Supervisor Bertram** read a letter to Don Snell supporting the grant application that the Nature Conservancy is applying for to make improvements to the Boardwalk at the Lewis A. Swyer Preserve. Supervisor Bertram then read the resolution.

A motion to accept the resolution in support of the Nature Conservancy grant was made by Councilperson Ronald Knott, seconded by Councilperson Richard Cummings, carried.

A motion to accept the communications as read and be brought up under proper heading was made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster, seconded by Councilperson Richard Cummings, carried.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Councilperson Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilperson Ronald Knott, carried.

REPORTS

TOWN CLERK:

- In the Month of September, the Town Clerk collected \$2717.50 of which \$2397.64 was given to the Town Supervisor.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

- Highway Superintendent Kowalski expressed his thanks to Bob Allen, George Allen and Carl Williams for their help with the project on Gibbons Road.
- Cleaned and repaved the ditches on Sharptown Road and part of Frisbee Lane.
- Superintendent Kowalski reported that the clean-up day held on September 14th was very well attended, and that most people were happy the Town provided this free service. He then read a response to Lee Jamison for her negative comments about the Town's trash day.

CEO/ZEO REPORT:

- Report is on file with the Town Clerk. The Building Inspector took in \$270.00 in the month of September.

DOG CONTROL OFFICER:

- Report is on file with the Town Clerk.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

- Planning report is on file with the Town Clerk. Councilperson Knott stated that he, Pat Casey, Charlene Leach and Harold Leiser attended the NY Planning Federation conference in Saratoga.
- No Zoning meeting.

GREENWAY COMMITTEE:

- Councilman Knott stated they met at the Town Hall, and talked at length about ground water and its effects on both future development and supporting the agricultural community. One goal is to pursue mapping of aquifers. Tom Kilcer believes he may be able to acquire some of this information and will look into it prior to the next meeting which will be Oct 26th at the Town Hall at 7:00pm.

AGRICULTURE:

- No report

RECREATION:

- Currently order a net for the tennis court.
- Supervisor Bertram stated the Town has been looking into the possibility of putting in a skating rink in both hamlets. Councilperson Knott stated that he has been talking to several people and liked the idea of the kit, because it is easy to set up and take down. Unfortunately, the kits that he has seen seem to be too small for what the town would like. This project would be a minimal expense for the Town. Supervisor Bertram asked Councilperson Knott to continue to look into this project and give an update at the next meeting.

RAILROAD RESTORATION:

- Still working on the electric at the station.
- Family Farm Fun Day - Marilyn Burch reported that the Town will be holding a Family Farm Fun Day as a fundraiser for the Railroad Station. She explained that there will be a

corn maze, coloring contest, food, local creations being sold, music, and hayrides. It should be a great day for everyone. The Family Farm Fun Day will be held at the Keller Farm.

- Halloween Haunted House was a big success last year and the committee would like to try it again this year in conjunction with the children's Halloween party on Saturday, October 28th.

HISTORIAN:

- Historic Marker for Newton Hook can be seen in the back of the Town Hall meeting room. Supervisor Bertram and the board thanked Juanita Knott and her committee for helping to raise the money for this sign. The Highway Department will place it near Ferry Road.

HONORABLE CARRIE A. O'HARE:

- Announced two days training for the Court Clerk in October 2006 at the State Magistrates Conference and completion of the Annual Judicial Training for Judge O'Hare at the same conference.
- Presented overview of Judicial training including E-Justice portal which is part of a virtual private network of the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services which allows the downloading of rap sheets to the Court and the proposed changes for the introduction of the integrated E-Justice in 2007.
- Announced successful award from Judicial Court Assistance Grant Program to enable the purchase of an additional PC with DVD write capability for additional backup for the scanned documents in the court system.
- Judge O'Hare explained proposed changes to the Orders of Protection process from manual to electronic input and tracking.
- Judge O'Hare announced pending publication of article by the Judge and two colleagues from the doctoral program. The article defines a new high-performance team model for knowledge workers to be published in 2007 in the peer-reviewed on-line journal-Team Performance Magazine in London, England on the Emerald Database.
- Judge O'Hare has been invited to present at the annual National Judges Association Conference in Oklahoma in 2007 due to her pending doctoral dissertation subject "What Makes an Effective Judge".

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2007 Budget - Supervisor Bertram asked the Town Board if they had any questions on the budget and felt they needed to have another workshop meeting, the Board members stated that they were comfortable with the budget. Supervisor then set a Public Hearing for 6:00pm prior to the November 9th Town Board meeting. Copies of the Preliminary Budget will be available in the Town Clerk's Office.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Councilperson Ronald Knott stated that he has been looking into a shed to keep the snow blower, rakes, shovels, and other equipment in. He has narrowed his search to two dealers, Shedman and Alvarez. After showing the board pictures of the sheds, he stated that both dealers have good quality merchandise. He felt that the Shedman shed was a little nicer and went better with the Town Hall. The siding and windows were a lot nicer also so he suggested going with the one from Shedman in New Lebanon for \$3156.05.

A motion to purchase a new shed from Shedman was made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster, seconded by Councilperson Richard Cummings, carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Cathy Knott complimented Marilyn Burch on the Farmer's Market. The public applauded Marilyn. Supervisor Bertram stated once again that Marilyn has done a great job. She stated that it was wonderful exposure for our farmers.
- Ed Kornblue stated that there is a trailer on property on Ridge Road that has been an issue for about 3 years. He explained the level of noise is awful for the neighbors and hoped that the Town Board would introduce a noise ordinance so that he could do something. He stated that not only is the noise a problem but they are not neighborly and have bad manners. On Columbus Day shots were heard and things have just gotten worse. Supervisor Bertram thanked him for bringing this to the attention of the Town Board.
- Don Hogan would like to see a property maintenance law in the Town. He once again stated that his neighbor's property is bringing down the area. Several unregistered trucks and vehicles; the house is in disrepair it is embarrassing to live next door. Supervisor Bertram explained that the Building Inspector, Gerald Ennis, has taken him to court. What happens after that point the Town Board has no control over. She stated that she will continue to try to find someway to help and will contact him if she finds anything. Melvin Rhodes explained that he was in the same boat until his neighbor moved. He thought the Town should make a "Quality of Life Law" so that there could be some kind of expectation about the property of the neighboring homes.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Richard Cummings, seconded by Councilman Ronald Knott. Motion carried unanimously.

2006 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

326	NY Plan. Fed.	\$432.00	346	John Unson	50.00
327	National Grid	1807.87	347	Ron Knott	217.88
328	Zwack Inc.	49660.00	348	RisedorphDist.	77.40
329	NYS Thruway	1050.00	349	H.V. News	15.38
330	Berkshire Tel	408.29	350	Col/Gr TC Asso	15.00
331	Lisa's Silkscreen	1231.80	351	Carquest	359.14
332	COARC	22.00	352	Mario's	139.50
333	Xerox	201.70	353	Unifirst	83.18
334	Fred Cohn III	650.00	354	Frank Clemente	140.00
335	Staples	382.58	355	Hudson Val. Gas	68.00
336	Treasurer	2842.31	356	Farrell Oil	495.75
337	Charlene Leach	48.00	357	Col. Blacktop	611.76
338	B. Sutherland	38.40	358	Gorman Bros.	22871.48
339	Wm. VanAlstyne	76.80	359	Long Oil	1193.25
340	Colarusso Quarry	3131.61	360	Colarusso Sand	31610.39
341	NOVA	15.00	361	Nextel	53.31
342	Staples	382.58	362	Rainbow Dist.	67.50
343	Schodack Septic	108.00	363	Copeland Coating	4275.00
344	Morris Assoc.	1255.40	364	Steven Brown	3600.00
345	Tal Rappleyea	2450.00	365	Stuy Fire Co.	334.82
			366	George Knott	440.16

Recorded this 12th day of October 2006

Approved this 9th day of November 2006

TOWN CLERK

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