

**MAY 10, 2007
PUBLIC HEARING**

The Stuyvesant Town Board held a Public Hearing in relation to Local Law #2 on May 10, 2007. The meeting opened at 6:30pm with the Town Clerk reading the public notice that had been published in both the Register Star and Independent newspapers.

**PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF STUYVESANT
TOWN BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MAY 10, 2007
6:30 P.M.
STUYVESANT TOWN HALL
STUYVESANT, NEW YORK**

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Stuyvesant shall hold a Public Hearing on May 10, 2007 at 6:30 pm at the Stuyvesant Town Hall, 5 Sunset Drive, Stuyvesant, New York for the purpose of taking public comment with regard to proposed Local Law #2 that provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code.

Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea gave an overview of why the law was necessary. Supervisor Bertram asked for questions from the public and from the Board. Councilperson Ronald Knott had questioned a reference to a previous law. Mr. Rappleyea said that the error had been corrected. Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer asked if a business with multiple activities needed multiple operating permits. Mr. Rappleyea answered no. Councilmembers Rosalind Gumaer and Ronald Knott both asked if Operating Permits would need to be renewed every year. Mrs. Chrysler asked a question in reference to Section 15 regarding debris on someone's property. Mr. Rappleyea responded that this would allow us to prosecute offenders under NYS Law. Mrs. Chrysler asked for clarification of "debris".

Supervisor Bertram asked for any additional questions and there were none. She closed the public hearing at 6:40pm.

**MAY 10, 2007
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The Stuyvesant Town Board held its monthly meeting on May 10, 2007 at the Stuyvesant Town Hall at 7:00pm. In attendance were Supervisor Valerie Bertram, Councilperson Edward Scott, Councilperson Ronald Knott, Councilperson Bradlee Webster, Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer and Town Clerk, Melissa Naegeli. Superintendent of Highways Bernard Kowalski and Town Attorney Tal Rappleyea were also present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster, seconded by Councilperson Ronald Knott, carried

COMMUNICATIONS

- ✧ A letter from the Columbia County Office of Fire Coordinator commending the Stuyvesant Falls Fire Company for their work at a garage fire in April.
- ✧ A letter from the Columbia County Office of Fire Coordinator commending the Fire Departments within the Town of Stuyvesant for their work during the floods and wildland fires in April. Supervisor Bertram added her thanks to the fire companies for the work during the flooding.
- ✧ A letter from Time Warner Cable announcing programming changes in June.
- ✧ A letter from Time Warner Cable transmitting their 2006 Community Action Annual Report. Report will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.
- ✧ Motion made by Councilperson Bradlee Webster to accept communications as read, seconded by Ronald Knott, carried.
- ✧ Motion made by Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer to pay bills, seconded by Councilperson Edward Scott, carried.

REPORTS:

Town Clerk

In the month of April, the Town Clerk's Office took in \$2,532.00 and \$2318.15 was given to the Supervisor after bills were paid. The complete report is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Highway Department

Superintendent Bernard Kowalski reported that they have repaired and replaced the tables at the Sandbar.

The Highway Department is working on paving roads and the Superintendent is in contact with FEMA regarding the flood damage from the April floods.

Clean-up Day will be May 19th from 8:00am to 4:00pm at Sharptown Road site.

Superintendent Kowalski has been notified by the Association of Town regarding the increase in prices.

Dog Control Officer

Report was read by Supervisor Bertram and is on file with the Town Clerk.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer

Report is on file with the Town Clerk.

Planning Board

Secretary Shirley Narzynski reported that at the Planning Board meeting on April 23rd there was a public hearing for the application by Rybka – there was no comment and it was approved.

Great Oaks was on the agenda but there was no action.

There was notice by Pinkowski Builders of a subdivision project at Little Farm. The project will cross the town line between Stuyvesant and Kinderhook – there will be 3 lots in Stuyvesant. Kinderhook will be the lead agency.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 29th.

Zoning Board

Secretary Shirley Narzynski reported that the Zoning Board met on April 24th and reviewed the variance application for the Kay subdivision. The variance was accepted and they were sent back to the Planning Board.

Due to a conflict with Grievance Day and there not being anything on the schedule, the next Zoning Board meeting will be held in June.

Greenway Committee

Councilperson Ronald Knott reported that at the last meeting they discussed wells and the effect on residential development. A representative from Smith Well Drilling was in attendance as well and discussed new standards from NYS regarding the location of wells and the effect on surrounding agriculture. There are greater setbacks for wells mandated by the State which may create a need for larger building lots within the town.

There were public comments and a discussion regarding increased building costs and concerns about spreading manure by the farmers.

Meetings are always held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Recreation

The recreation committee held 2 meetings since the last Town Board meeting. Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer reported that she had been in contact with the Towns of Stockport and Kinderhook regarding their summer programs. Both towns said there were slots available for children from Stuyvesant. Kinderhook said it would be \$25/week or \$150/summer and it included swimming at Knickerbocker Lake every afternoon. Since there is money budgeted for a summer program Councilperson Gumaer asked that that money be available to pay for residents to attend the Kinderhook program. She also asked that people sign up with her by June 1st.

Councilperson Gumaer thanked the volunteers who helped her get the playground survey out to residents in the town. Councilperson Bradlee Webster made a motion to approve \$150/resident child to attend the Playground Program in Kinderhook. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Ronald Knott and carried.

Councilperson Gumaer read a letter from the recreation committee regarding the property on Sharptown Road. An extensive discussion with the public and board members ensued regarding the Sharptown Road property.

The minutes and letter from the Recreation Committee are on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

Railroad Committee

Marilyn Burch gave the committee report. The Farmers' Market starts on May 11 with 10 vendors lined up. Mrs. Burch reported that there are plans in the works for a spinner group and possibly a petting zoo.

There will be a book signing and lecture by the authors of Hudson Valley Ruins on Saturday, May 19th at the Railroad Station. There will be a reception at Larry Ashmead's home following the lecture. The reception will be \$30/person with the proceeds going to the Railroad Restoration Fund.

The Art Show and Sale will be held at the Station on June 8, 9, and 10th. The theme of the show is "A River Inspires". There will be 2 pieces each from 30 local artists.

Councilperson Ronald Knott asked if track lighting can be purchased to be installed temporarily for the book signing then permanently installed at a later date. Karen Hummel has offered the use of a generator. The light fixtures will cost approximately \$400. Councilperson Bradlee Webster made a motion to approve up to \$500 to purchase the light fixtures. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer and carried.

Cemetery Committee

Councilperson Bradlee Webster reported that the tree removal company has started working on removing some of the tagged trees and that the large pine is down. Some of the trees in the back will have to wait until the ground hardens.

New Business

Sole Assessor Howard Gleason, Jr. introduced Cindy Blair and David Barnett from GAR Associates. They came to the meeting to address the public on the upcoming re-evaluation in 2008.

Supervisor Bertram reminded the Board that with the resignation of Richard Cummings there was not a Deputy Supervisor. A motion was made by Bradlee Webster to appoint Councilperson Ronald Knott as Deputy Supervisor. It was seconded by Councilperson Rosalind Gumaer and carried.

A motion was made by Councilperson Ronald Knott to pass the Local Law #2 that provides for the administration and enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, as discussed at the Public Hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Edward Scott and carried.

Public Comment

The conversation regarding the Sharptown Road property continued at this time.

Councilperson Ronald Knott made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bradlee Webster and carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

2007 ABSTRACTS

THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE PRESENTED FOR AUDIT:

138	National Grid	1458.37	161	Culligan	27.00
139	Melissa Naegeli	97.00	162	Nextel Partners	268.83
140	COARC	24.75	163	Mulica Trucking	1233.24
141	BSN Sports, Inc.	204.77	164	Main Care Energy	1548.08
142	Tal Rappleyea	3312.50	165	Colarusso Sand & Gravel Co.	166.95
143	The Independent	75.52	166	Colarusso Quarry Co.	859.29
144	Columbia County Treasurer	4133.96	167	Tractor Supply	113.49
145	Morris Associates	76.00	168	Ben Funk, Inc.	47.20
146	Xerox Corp.	124.92	169	Northern Safety	77.70
147	Fred Cohn, III	250.00	170	Carquest of Valatie	116.77
148	Columbia County Sheriff	143.64	171	Van Kleeck's, Hudson	135.00
149	Johnson Newspaper Corp.	5.27	172	Arrowhead Equipment, Inc.	300.00
150	Tech Partners	214.98	173	Stuyvesant Fire Company #1	1007.60
151	Richard Anderson	37.50	174	Stan Martin Ford	142.13
152	Knott's Enterprise	68.21	175	Unifirst Corp.	225.50
153	Postmaster	72.00	176	Sam's Club	37.80
154	Fairpoint Communications	323.47	177	Blizzard Blade	180.00
155	Carrie O'Hare	83.98	178	Mooradian Hydraulics	94.29
156	George Knott	17.50	179	The Tinkers	219.98
157	Columbia County Solid Waste	19.19	180	NAPA	31.48
158	Mario's Home Center	438.70	181	Farm Plan	274.50
159	Dunn Builders	40.00	182	Colarusso Quarry Co.	12,829.73
160	Empire Wireless – Hudson	29.99			

Recorded this 10th day of May 2007

Approved this 14th day of June 2007

TOWN CLERK

SUPERVISOR

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