

RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

April 26, 2023

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30pm.

Present: Supervisor Robert McKeon
Councilmember William Hamel
Councilmember Christine Kane
Councilmember Julia Solomon
Councilmember Jacob Testa
Town Clerk Deanna Cochran
Also Present: Attorney for the Town Christine Chale Esq.

Supervisor McKeon opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and reviewed the agenda.

Public Hearing- Reg Local Law D (Proposed) of 2023 - No Parking No Stopping Fruit Bud Lane

Supervisor McKeon opened the public hearing.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Supervisor McKeon reviewed Local Law D- No Parking Fruit Bud Lane

On a motion by Councilmember Kane seconded by Councilmember Solomon to close the Public Hearing

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Solomon, Testa
	Nays	0	

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor McKeon apologized for the blank envelopes that were accidentally sent out. They were intended to include a supervisor's newsletter and a calendar of spring events.

Arbor Day Celebration will be April 29, 2023 from 10:00am- 2:00pm at the Town Hall. Free tree seedlings, tree planting and care pamphlets, kids activities, raffles and more. More information can be found on the Town's website www.redhookny.gov

Dutchess County DBCH & DC SPCA will be hosting a Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic at the Red Hook Town Hall on April 30, 2023 from 8:00am- 12:00pm. Free rabies vaccinations for cats, dogs and ferrets of Dutchess County Residents. Proof of residency is required. Register online at www.DCSPCA.org.

Shred Day will be Sunday May 7, 2023 from 10:00am- 12:00pm at the Red Hook Town Hall. Each person may bring up to three legal-sized boxes of paper to shred. More information can be had by calling 845-758-4600

Town of Red Hook's 14th Annual Clean Up Day will be Sunday May 7, 2023. Check in at the Red Hook Town Hall at 12:30pm for an assignment and supplies. Return to the Town Hall at 4:00pm to pick up coupons for pizza, salad, and ice cream.

Apple Blossom Day is on Saturday May 13, 2023 from 10:00am – 4:00 pm in the Village of Red Hook.

The Old Dutch Village Garden Club will hold their Annual Plant Sale on May 20, 2023. Plant donations will be accepted until May 7, 2023. They are also accepting donations of garden tools, ornamentations, pots, and planters. Call Linda at 845-758-5653 for more information.

The Red Hook Memorial Parade will be on Monday May 29, 2023, rain or shine. The Parade will begin at 10:00am. More information can be found on the Town's website. www.redhookny.gov.

Housing Committee Presentation

Hart Migdal, Chair of the Housing Committee, gave a presentation regarding the work the Housing Committee has been doing for the past six months.

He reviewed the committee's mission, members' backgrounds, topics on which the committee has been focusing, and explained some of the classes and resources the committee has utilized. These areas of focus included topics such as high rates of cost burden/ low-income owners, ownership gaps, lower income often includes seniors, and backlogs of affordable housing.

Hart Migdal reviewed the information provided to the committee by a guest speaker, including a offering a blueprint of activities that will lead to actions in communities such as Red Hook and gave a brief overview of the committee's planned work for future meetings.

Councilmember Hamel asked if the committee has considered better solutions regarding Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Parks.

Resolution to Support Application to Greenway for Trail Improvements- Sawkill Trail

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution and reviewed the associated maps.

Councilmember Kane asked for clarification regarding the matching portion of the grant application. Supervisor McKeon confirmed the match was \$5,800.00.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 23
DATED APRIL 26, 2023**

**SUPPORTING APPLICATION TO THE HUDSON RIVER VALLEY
GREENWAY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE 2023 GREENWAY CONSERVANCY
TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Winnakee Land Trust, Inc. (Winnakee) is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for grants under the Environmental Protection Fund and Recreational Trails Program for a trails project to be located in the Town of Red Hook, a site located within the area owned by Winnakee and subject to the Public Access Easement and Conservation Easement held by the Town; and

WHEREAS, The Town and Winnakee have executed a Memorandum of Agreement regarding development of the Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook is supporting a grant to the Town of Winnakee to apply to the Hudson River Valley Greenway for a grant under the Trail Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, said project is expected to include Sawkill Trail improvements to the boardwalks and bridge in Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires the applicant municipality to obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality or municipalities in which the project will be located; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a 50% match which is intended to be provided through voluntary in-kind contributions and/or cash from the Town of Red Hook; and

WHEREAS, the action set forth herein constitutes an unlisted action which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant effect on the environment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, as follows:

1. The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook hereby does approve and endorse the Grant Application of Winnakee as lead applicant for a grant in the amount up to \$220,000 with a 50% match by the Town.

2. Supervisor Robert McKeon, or in his absence the Deputy Supervisor, is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Grant Application to the Hudson River Valley Greenway, and to further execute such requests and other documents as may be necessary or convenient in connection with such application.

3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert McKeon, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

	Present	Absent
Supervisor Robert McKeon	In-Person	
Councilmember William Hamel	In-Person	
Councilmember Christine Kane	In-Person	
Councilmember Julia Solomon	In-Person	
Councilmember Jacob Testa	In-Person	

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Hamel, to wit;

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The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution to Approve Task Orders: Engineering Speed Limit Studies for College Park & Forest Park

Supervisor McKeon explained the DOT requires towns to perform engineering studies and they still must sign permission for certain changes to the roads.

Supervisor McKeon explained the Highway Superintendent Theresa Burke sent a request for the Town to conduct an engineering study for the intersection of Elm Street and Aspinwall Road. Supervisor McKeon stated the law requires all vehicles to stop at any “T” intersections and added he would rather use these engineering funds for more complicated projects. He suggested Highway Superintendent Burke install a stop sign if that is what she thinks is needed.

Councilmember Hamel added Highway Superintendent Burke has that authority and she should install the sign.

Councilmember Kane added she would rather not spend the money if it was not needed to do so.

Councilmember Solomon questioned if Highway Superintendent Burke had submitted correspondence regarding a requirement for this engineering study before installing a stop sign.

Supervisor McKeon suggested moving task order #5 to a future meeting.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 24
DATED APRIL 26, 2023**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TASK ORDER #07 FOR ENGINEERING CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Town of Red Hook (“Town”) and Creighton Manning Engineering, LLP (Creighton Manning) entered into an Agreement for Professional Services dated as of February 3, 2021 (“Agreement for Professional Services”), copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreement, Creighton Manning has provided a task order for the Evaluation of Speed Limits at College Park and Forest Park; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with The Agreement Exhibit B- Scope of Services, Creighton Manning will:

1. Collect volume and speed data for several days on Kalina Drive, Birchwood Drive, Columbia Avenue, and Cornell Avenue.
2. Conduct a field visit to evaluate road widths, parking, driveway density, field of view, etc.
3. Review crash records within the neighborhoods.
4. Evaluate data collected against speed limit guidance established by NYSDOT and industry practices.
5. Summarize findings in a technical memorandum with any appropriate graphics or maps.
6. Recommend sign verbiage, size, and placement.
7. Response to comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook that the acceptance and execution by the Supervisor of the task order #07 not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$7,000 is hereby approved.

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Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 24
DATED APRIL 26, 2023**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TASK ORDER #07 FOR ENGINEERING CONTRACT

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Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution to Approve Sidewalk Easement – Old Farm Road

Attorney Chris Chale explained the resolution. This easement would allow the town to allow the installation of the sidewalk from Tradition.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 25
DATED APRIL 26, 2023**

APPROVING EXECUTION OF PERMANENT SIDEWALK EASEMENT

WHEREAS, Red Hook Land Corp is the owner of a certain parcel of real property located at 5 Old Farm Road, Red Hook, NY 12571 with a Tax Parcel 134889-6272-00-244274 (“The Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous of installing a sidewalk along Old Farm Road with a portion being located within the property boundary within the Property; and

WHEREAS, Grantor has offered to grant to the Town a permanent and perpetual Sidewalk for use as a public walkway; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of the Easement is in the best interest of the Town, subject to the conditions set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

1. Acceptance of the Sidewalk is hereby authorized, subject to the delivery of a form of permanent easement and conveyance documents substantially in the form on file with the Clerk and approved by the Attorney for the Town and the Town Engineer; and

2. The Supervisor is authorized and directed to execute the Sidewalk and the Supervisor and the officers, employees and agents of the Town may take all steps reasonable and necessary, in consultation with the Attorney for the Town, to implement the intent of this Resolution.

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The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Christine M. Chale, Esq., Attorney for the Town

The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Kane, to wit;

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 25
DATED APRIL 26, 2023**

APPROVING EXECUTION OF PERMANENT SIDEWALK EASEMENT

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Supervisor Robert McKeon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember William Hamel	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Christine Kane	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Resolution to Approve Local Law D- Regarding No Parking Portions of Fruit Bud Lane

Supervisor McKeon explained the resolution.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK
RESOLUTION NO. 26
DATED APRIL 26, 2023**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RED HOOK OF LOCAL LAW NO. D (PROPOSED) OF 2023 REGARDING A NO PARKING ZONE AT FRUIT BUD LANE

WHEREAS, a proposed form of Local Law No. D (Proposed) of 2023 entitled “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 131, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC PROVIDING FOR NO PARKING AND NO STOPPING ZONE AT FRUIT BUD LANE” (the “Proposed Local Law”) was presented to the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook at a regular meeting on April 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook on April 11, 2023, setting a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on April 26, 2023 at 7:35 p.m. at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, New York, to hear all interested parties on said proposed local law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, the Town Board has determined that the Proposed Local Law is best described as a local legislative decision concerning routine administration and management under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”); and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the official newspaper of said Town, on April 18, 2023, which is not less than five calendar days prior to the date of said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on April 26, 2023 at said time and place, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed local law, or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interests of the Town to adopt said local law, in the form attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook (by the favorable vote of not less than a majority of all of the members of the Board) as follows:

1. The Town Board hereby adopts said Local Law D (Proposed) of 2023, now to be referred to as Local Law No. 4 of 2023, entitled “**Local Law No. 4 of 2023; A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 131, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC PROVIDING FOR NO PARKING AND NO STOPPING ZONE AT FRUIT BUD LANE**” in the form attached hereto and made a part of this resolution; and
2. The Town Clerk hereby is directed to enter said local law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Town Code of the Town of Red Hook, to give due notice of the adoption of said local law to the Secretary of State of New York, and to take all other actions as may be required by law.

Local Law Filing

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
ONE COMMERCE PLAZA
99 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ALBANY, NY 12231

Town of Red Hook

Local Law No. 4 of 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 131, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,
PROVIDING FOR NO PARKING AND NO STOPPING ZONE AT FRUIT BUD
LANE

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook as follows:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The Town Board of the Town of Red Hook has determined that the parking of vehicles along Fruit Bud Lane creates unnecessary and undue risk and difficulty for passing motorists and pedestrians. The Town Board finds that prohibiting the parking and stopping of motor vehicles on Fruit Bud Lane will benefit the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 131 OF THE TOWN
OF RED HOOK CODE, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC

Town of Red Hook Code Chapter 131, Section 3, Parking, Standing, and Stopping of Motor Vehicles Prohibited in Certain Areas, is hereby amended to add new subsections E & F to read as follows:

E. Fruit Bud Lane, on either side, from its intersection with Linden Avenue (County Rt. 79) approximately 520 LF to its intersection with the Town Recreation Park.

F. Fruit Bud Lane, on the East Side, from its intersection with the Town Recreation Park in a southerly direction for a distance of 185 linear feet.

SECTION 3. STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

This local law is authorized by New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, the provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, the provisions of the Statute of Local Governments, the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law Section 1660, the relevant provisions of the New York Town Law, and the laws of the Town of Red Hook.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect on the later of August 31, 2023 and upon filing with the Secretary of State as provided in Section 27(3) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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The following resolution was offered by Supervisor McKeon, seconded by Councilmember Hamel, to wit;

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Councilmember Julia Solomon	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Department and Committee Reports

BUILDING & ZONING: There were 58 building permits, 119 inspections, 34 CO's & CC's, and collected \$25,208.50 in revenue.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT: Hudson Valley Engineering Associates has complete borings in the vicinity of the bridge. The department received the software for the fuel pumps. The 30-year-old salt storage shed continues to deteriorate.

WATER BOARD: There was a service interruption April 26, 2023. It has been resolved. The pump volumes have been lowered to 94 & 98 GPM. The board has decided to build a new storage tank.

REC COMMISSION: Ted Kudzy's Memorial Bench is installed. Summer Rec Programs brochures are anticipated by the end May 2023. Correspondence was received regarding potentially turning portions of the Rec Fields into pollinator gardens.

POLICE REPORT: For the month of March 2023, there were 87 incidents, 45 tickets, and 1 arrest.

CONSERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL: Red Hook had their 4th Repair Café. The Annual E-Waste event collected 21 pallets of electronic waste.

TREE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE: For the month of April, they discussed the Arbor Day celebrations which will be on April 29, 2023. New options for advertising the celebration were also discussed.

ANIMAL CONTROL: In the month of March, there was 1 stray dog and 1 wild animal reported.

The Board Members entered into Executive Session to discuss a matter under negotiation whose discussion might affect the price.

10:15 pm On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Jacob Testa to exit Executive Session

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Solomon, Testa
	Nays	0	

10:17 pm On a motion by Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Testa to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, Solomon, Testa
	Nays	0	

Respectfully Submitted,

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk