

## RED HOOK TOWN BOARD MEETING

May 26, 2021

A meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York was convened by Zoom Videoconference due to COVID-19 pandemic stay in place rules at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Robert McKeon  
Councilmember William Hamel  
Councilmember Christine Kane  
Councilmember William O'Neill  
Councilmember Jacob Testa  
Town Clerk Deanna Cochran

Also Present: Supervisor's Assistant Matt Fenaroli

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

**Public Comment-** No Public Comments

### **Announcements-**

Supervisor McKeon explained the Hudson Valley Community Power Program. He restated the information sessions to learn more about this program will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2021 and Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Both sessions will start at 7pm. The zoom links for those sessions can be found on the Town's website.

The VFW will be holding a Blood Drive on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 9am-3pm at the VFW Post 7765 at 30 Elizabeth Street, Red Hook NY. Sign up information can be found on the Town's website.

There will be no Memorial Day parade this year. There will be a ceremony at Memorial Park at 11am rain or shine. The County Caravan will be driving through various townships to celebrate the holiday.

Supervisor McKeon explained the Rebuilding Together Dutchess County Program. Information regarding this program can be found at [www.RTdutchess.org](http://www.RTdutchess.org).

Supervisor McKeon gave an update on COVID in Dutchess County. There is a significant drop in the number of cases in Dutchess County.

Supervisor McKeon discussed the reopening of Town Hall to the public. Reopening is targeted for July 1, 2021.

### **Resolution to Apply for Municipal Investment Grant – St. Margaret's**

Supervisor McKeon discussed the resolution for a Grant Application for a grant amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 for ADA accessible improvements to St. Margaret's Cultural Center such as building a ramp, ADA accessible parking space and pathways. Also, the Red Hook Library has programs that will take place starting in June 2021 at St. Margaret's Cultural Center.

Councilmember Kane agreed with this application saying it would be a great way to start on the projects that are needed at St. Margaret's.

**TOWN OF RED HOOK  
RESOLUTION NO. 35  
DATED MAY 26, 2021**

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MUNICIPAL INVESTMENT GRANT FOR THE TOWN OF RED HOOK**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the Town of Red Hook ("Town") to submit an application or applications for a Municipal Investment Grant as provided herein ("Grant Application");

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

1. The Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor or, in his absence or unavailability, the Deputy Supervisor, to execute and submit a Grant Application for a grant amount not to

exceed \$50,000, for ADA improvements at the St. Margaret's Cultural Center.

2. The officers, employees and agents of the Town are hereby authorized and directed for an in the name and on behalf of the Town to do all acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officer, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purposes of the foregoing resolution.
3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES**

A regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York, was convened in public session via videoconference and/or teleconference pursuant to Executive Order 202.1, as amended, on May 26, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., local time. A live transmission was available to the public as described in the notice of meeting attached hereto. The meeting was recorded, and a full transcript is required to be prepared to the extent required by such Executive Order.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert McKeon, and, upon roll being called, the following members were (Note: Where members are marked Present, specify whether In Person at the Town Hall, 7340 South Broadway, Red Hook, NY, via Videoconference, or via Teleconference):

	Present	Absent
Supervisor Robert McKeon	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember William Hamel	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember Christine Kane	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember William O'Neill	VIA videoconference	
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VIA videoconference	

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember O'Neill, seconded by Councilmember Kane, 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 William O'Neill	VOTING <u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jacob Testa	VOTING <u>Aye</u>

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

**NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS – Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:30 pm Town of Red Hook**  
**NOTICE OF TOWN BOARD MEETINGS** A public meeting will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Red Hook on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 7:30 pm. Due to the ongoing COVID pandemic, the Town Hall is closed to the general public until further notice. Pursuant to Executive Order No. 202.1, issued by Governor Cuomo, and advisories issued by Federal, State and Local officials related to the COVID-19 virus, the public will not be permitted to attend in person. Some or all of the Board members are expected to participate in the meeting via teleconference or video conference. Please refer to the meeting agenda to be posted on the Town website at <https://www.redhook.org>. The public may view and listen to the proceedings live on [www.pandatv23.org](http://www.pandatv23.org). To the extent permitted by law, and until further notice, future Town Board

meetings including the regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month, will be available to the public via PANDA's website listed above. Interested persons may comment on agenda matters by submitting an email or telephone by submitting comments to the Supervisor at [rmckeon@redhook.org](mailto:rmckeon@redhook.org). All reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. In such a case, please notify the Town Clerk's office at 845-758-4606 so that arrangements can be made.

Deanna Cochran Town Clerk, Town of Red Hook.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The Assessor's Office conducted a Zoom meeting and addressed 23 applications for grievance. They prepared the Tentative Roll on May 1, 2021. In the month of March there were 8 sales in the Town of Red Hook, 2 sales in the Village of Red Hook and 4 sales in Tivoli. In the month of April there were 8 sales in the Town of Red Hook.

WATER DISTRICT: In April we began the quarterly state required testing for PFOA and PFOS. The water mains were flushed and the filter cartridges were replaced because some residents were having cloudy or dirty water. The Annual Report gave comparative information for the years 2016 through 2020 of items such as water usage. It was noted that more water was used in the year 2020 due to the pandemic. Some significant funds from the Reserve were used for needed repairs. There are plans and goals for 2021 which include resolving the well-level monitoring and pump volume problems.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

BUILDING AND ZONING: In April 2021, there were 33 permits, 48 inspections 16 CO's, 1 complaint and Revenue was \$11,874.80. In May 2021, there were 45 permits, 43 inspections, 26 CO's, 2 complaints and Revenue was \$13,002.00.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The April Report was not currently available.

POLICE REPORT: For March 2021, there were a total of 105 incidents, total arrests were 4 and there were no tickets issued. For April 202, there were a total of 85 incidents, total arrests were 1 and total tickets issued were 18.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

INTER-MUNICIPAL TASK FORCE: The last Report by the Task Force was 4/14/2020. The Task Force has completed and submitted its work on presenting to The Town Board and The Supervisor the three-part proposal amending the zoning laws regarding short term rentals.

RECREATION PARK: The Rec Department has been very busy getting the Summer Recreation Playground Program up and running. There are many extra requirements this year such as the need for a Health Director due to Covid-19 protocols. Many people and teams are requesting the use of the fields. Installation of additional security cameras will begin soon. They are necessary as there have been many incidents of vandalism at the park.

TREE PRESERVATION COMMISSION: In the Month of April, two trees were planted and mulched. An account is being set up with the help of Ann Conway at Adams's to purchase additional trees for Rec Park West. A modified Arbor Day Celebration was celebrated Saturday May 1, 2021 at the residence of committee member Linda Keeling. The Mill Road School Arbor Day poster contest judging took place on April 26, 2021. Two of the new trees planted on Pitcher Lane have died most likely due to deer damage. The plan is to replace them in the fall.

ZBA: The Town of Red Hook ZBA met on May 12, 2021 to open a public hearing for the Kanuk-Mighty Donuts appeal for the two area variances. Members of the public commented against the project stating it does not meet the requirements for the TND-CC. The Board voted to continue the Public Hearing.

SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE: The Senior Services Committee met on May 26, 2021 to discuss future collaboration with Red Hook Responds and senior transportation outreach. The next SSC meeting will be on Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

On a motion of Supervisor McKeon seconded by Councilmember Kane moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adopted	Ayes	5	McKeon, Hamel, Kane, O'Neill, Testa
	Nays	0	

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Cochran, Town Clerk