

**TOWN BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING &
PUBLIC HEARING – REZONING OF THE PUD**

November 2, 2015

A regularly scheduled Town Board Workshop Meeting was held on Monday November 2, 2015 in the Town Hall 284 Broadway Ulster Park, New York at 7:30 PM with the following people in attendance:

**Supervisor Kyle Barnett
Councilperson Gloria Van Vliet
Councilperson Wayne Freer
Councilperson Diane L. McCord**

**Recording Administrator Holly A. Netter, Town Clerk
Myles Putman, Planning Board Consultant
Heather Blaikie, Scenic Hudson**

Supervisor Kyle Barnett called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING – SCENIC HUDSON REZONING PETITION

Myles Putman gave a brief overview of the Public Hearing scheduled for the evening. The first Public Hearing scheduled was specific to Scenic Hudson properties and was a continuation of the Public Hearing which was tabled on September 17, 2015. There were comments that had come back from the Ulster County Planning Board asking the Town Board to look at rezoning the entire PUD. Scenic Hudson applied for a Special Use Permit from the Planning Board which initiated a coordinated review under SEQR since the zoning would affect over 25 acres. The Planning Board was LEAD agency for this request. The second/ revised Public Hearing rezones the entire PUD as it was mapped in 1993. A draft resolution was prepared but not completed. The Town Board can run the Public Hearing but cannot take action until the Planning Board closes out the SEQR determination. Myles hoped the Planning Board would take care of their part at the November Meeting. The information needs to be sent to an attorney to have it written in the proper form for local law #2 of 2015. If all goes well the Town Board can take action in December.

Don Kiernan, Water/Sewer Superintendent, said there was a special sewer district created for that entire PUD. Does that automatically go away? Myles said the attorney would have to look into it. The original proposal was for 350 residential units and 100,000 sq. ft. of retail space. This matter will need to be followed up on however, it will not hold up the process.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUATION OF TABLED PUBLIC HEARING FROM 9/17/2015

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO REOPEN THE TABLED PUBLIC HEARING FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

PUBLIC HEARING – REMOVAL OF THE PUD

A MOTION TO OPEN THE EXPANDED REMOVAL OF THE PUD WHICH INCLUDES PARCELS BELONGING TO SCENIC HUDSON, AS WELL AS OTHER CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES THAT FALL WITHIN THE PUD. THE MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON MCCORD AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

Heather Blaikie, Scenic Hudson, said she appreciated all the time and effort put forth by the Board. Supervisor Barnett said it was a great project and it was the Board's pleasure to be of assistance.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

A MOTION WAS MADE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING BY COUCILPERSON GLORIA VAN VLIET AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

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Supervisor Barnett transitioned into the regularly scheduled workshop meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

An additional item was added to the agenda which came in after the final agenda had been printed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SOLAR CONTRACT NEGOTIATION

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 7:50PM BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS PERTAINING TO THE PERSPECTIVE SOLAR PROJECT WITH OUR PROSPECTIVE VENDOR STANDARD SOLAR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. GENTRY ROUSE WAS INVITED IN TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

A MOTION WAS MADE AT 9:04 PM TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

THERE WAS NO ACTION TAKEN.

RESOLUTION – SEWER RATE INCREASE

Don Kiernan, Water/Sewer Superintendent, provided the Board with 2 rate increase resolutions; one for 8% and the other for 10%. Don strongly recommended increasing the sewer rate by 10% to offset increasing costs. A decrease in revenues of approximately \$17,000 was lost last year from losing Dyno Nobel as a customer. Costs to do business with the City of Kingston also increased \$13,000 - \$14,000 this year. Don said they never know what costs will come from the City of Kingston. According to our contract with them, we are responsible for 10.4% of the cost of improvements. The Board will vote on the Resolution at the Town Board meeting later in the month. The rate increase will be reflected in the first bill of 2016.

BOCES – SHELTERING

BOCES asked for approval to continue the use of the community room at the Town Hall as a secondary sheltering site for their programs, including child care, in the event of an emergency. The Town Board was in agreement and Supervisor Barnett signed the updated agreement.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Johnny Moore would like to make improvements to the Veteran's Memorial located at Town Hall for his Eagle Scout Project. All members were in agreement Eagle Scout Moore will be asked to get the American Legion to sign off on the proposed project. In addition, Supervisor Barnett asked to have the Town listed as an additional insured. A letter was prepared and will be sent to Johnny Moore.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Supervisor Barnett said they have come to agreement with the Union regarding the Health Insurance. Formal approval needs to be given to our Broker, Marshall & Sterling, so applications can be processed. Mike Kutski, Union Representative, was involved with this decision. However this does not complete the Union Negotiations. There are issues that need to be addressed within a few weeks.

MISCELLANEOUS

James Melbert's term for the Assessment Board of Review expired September 30, 2015. He has agreed to another 5 year term. A Resolution will be made at the next meeting to reappoint him to the Assessment Board of Review.

Supervisor Barnett said tomorrow is Election Day and we will have a new Supervisor. Whoever gets elected as Supervisor will have his unqualified support in terms of transition. He looks forward to working with the person and making a smooth transition of Administrative Duties.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:20 PM WAS MADE BY COUNCILPERSON WAYNE FREER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILPERSON DIANE MCCORD. ALL TOWN BOARD MEMBERS VOTED IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

**Holly A. Netter
Town Clerk**