

**TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE TOWN HALL  
AUGUST 13, 2008  
7:00 P. M.  
SUMMARY**

**COUNCILMAN KRAKOWER ARRIVED DURING RECREATION DISCUSSION**

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| 08:13-01 | DISCUSSION<br>(ATTORNEY<br>MAHAR)                  | Blasting-South Hills Mall<br><b>REMOVED FROM AGENDA AT THE<br/>REQUEST OF THE DEVELOPER</b>   |
| 08:13-02 | DISCUSSION<br>(RECREATION<br>DIRECTOR<br>MEYERING) | Recreation Presentation<br><b>RECREATION DIRECTOR, THOMAS<br/>MEYERING. GAVE A RECREATION<br/>DEPARTMENT UPDATE FOR AUGUST 2008</b> |

**ON FOUR TOPICS:**

**1) EROSION OF WAPPINGERS CREEK STREAM BED AT GREENVALE  
PARK**

Various solutions offered by Director Meyering

Phase 1 – Trees for Tribs: Over 100 trees have been planted and all are doing well.

Phase 2 - Various stream bank repairs were discussed at a meeting with Director Meyering, Councilman Tancredi and members of the following organizations: NYS D. E. C., Soil and Water, Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County and Trout Unlimited this week:

Several ideas:

- A. For \$5,000 to \$7,000 coconut matting could be put down with trees and shrubs planted on top of the matting.
- B. For \$95,000 very large rocks and plants can be placed in the stream water to divert the water away from our stream bank.

Whatever relief method the Board decides on, the Town must get a permit from the D. E. C. and be out of the creek water no later than October 01, 2008.

**2) REESE SANCTUARY ACQUISITION**

Director Meyering discussed:

- A. 100 acres on ridge overlooking the Wappingers Creek Estuary
- B. To be given to the Town to be used for passive use –keep as open space sanctuary
- C. Town to grant conservation easement
- D. Title search and survey needed

**(OVER)**

Town Board discussed whether they wanted the Town to have the responsibility of accepting the ridge; how expensive the maintenance of the property would be and questioned it there was a problem with vandalism. Director Meyering said that the maintenance should not be a problem for his office to handle and the expense would be low. Councilman Baisley said that there was no known vandalism in the area.

**THE TOWN BOARD IS CONSIDERING  
ACCEPTING THE ACQUISITION.**

**3) GREENWAY TRAIL GRANT – REESE SANCTUARY**

A. Grant was awarded in March of 2005 for repair of the trail. The repair would cost about \$80,000 and would be funded by the grant.

1. Town to act as financial agent
2. Work to be done by Wappingers Greenway Committee
3. Build bridge over washout in trail

B. Extension of grant received in June 2008

1. Re-route trail to area of less grade and build a lower bridge
2. Award contract
3. Complete Work

**THE TOWN BOARD PLEASED WITH  
SUGGESTIONS**

**4) TOWN DAY 2009**

A. Change Direction –make it a real “Community Day” and not just a carnival with fireworks

B. Recreation Department will put together a volunteer committee on how to organize and run the day.

C. All aspects of the event to be up for discussion-location, program and activities, funding and advertising

**THE TOWN BOARD AGREED TO SUGGESTIONS**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**2008**

1. FINANCE

\***Baisley**, Krakower, Mahar,  
Tancredi

**COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: WE HAVE BEEN CHECKING THE DAILY  
FINANCIAL BALANCES WITH JIM WOJTOWICZ, TOWN COMPTROLLER,  
AND ARE PLEASED WITH HIS PROFESSIONAL RESULTS.**

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2. FIRE ADVISORY

\***Baisley**, Cifone, Splain,  
Fire Officials (Arlington, New  
Hamburg, Fairview)

**COUNCILMAN BAISLEY: NO REPORT**

3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Cifone, \***Conte**, Krakower, Mahar

**COUNCILMAN CONTE: NO REPORT**

4. LAND USE & PLANNING  
(Including Cell Tower & Comp. Plan)

Conte, Hagstrom, \***Seminara**  
Tancredi

**COUNCILMAN SEMINARA: NO REPORT**

5. PERSONNEL

Baisley, \***Cifone**, Conte,  
Mahar

**COUNCILMAN CIFONE: NO REPORT**

6.. RECREATION  
(Including Town Day)

Baisley, Cifone, Mahar,  
Pfeifer, \***Tancredi**

**COUNCILMAN CIFONE: THERE WILL BE A CONCERT AT CRESTWOOD PARK THIS SATURDAY, 08/16/08, AT 6:00 P. M. FEATURING ANTHONY DELVECCHIO & MICHAEL LA FALCE AND A CONCERT AT CRESTWOOD PARK NEXT SATURDAY, 08/23/08, AT 6:00 P.M. FEATURING VITO PETROCCITTO**

7. SENIOR CITIZENS

Conte, Hagstrom, \***Krakower**,  
Tancredi

**COUNCILMAN KRAKOWER: THE SENIORS HAD THEIR YEAR END PICNIC AT THE PIRATE CANOE CLUB LAST WEEKEND AND HAD A GOOD TIME. THE SENIORS ARE STILL CONCERNED ABOUT WHEN AND IF A SENIOR CENTER WILL BE CREATED.**

8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT

Cifone, Hagstrom, \***Krakower**,  
Seminara

**COUNCILMAN KRAKOWER: NO REPORT**

9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY  
(INFRASTRUCTURE)

Baisley, Krakower, Mahar,  
\***Seminara**

**COUNCILMAN SEMINARA: THE COMMITTEE HAD A MONTHLY MEETING TONIGHT AND IT IS BUSINESS AS USUAL.**

(OVER)

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COUNCILMAN CONTE STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT CARS SPEEDING ON RIDGE ROAD IN THE ARLINGTON HUNT AREA. HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE STOP SIGNS INSTALLED ON A NUMBER OF ROADS IN THAT AREA.**

**ROADS SUGGESTED FOR STOP SIGN INSTALLATION:  
SUSIE BOULEVARD AT SHORT HILL DRIVE  
OLD FIELD ROAD AT SHORT HILL DRIVE  
RIDGE ROAD AT SUSIE BOULEVARD  
SHORT HILL DRIVE AT RIDGE ROAD  
OLD FIELD ROAD AT RIDGE ROAD**

**A SET DATE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE SET AT THE AUGUST 20, 2008 TOWN BOARD MEETING.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**08:13-ES1 RESOLUTION To Enter Executive Session To Consider Following Matters:  
A. Litigation  
B. Confidential Communication Between Attorney And His Client, The Town Board, Based On Attorney/Client Privilege**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:22 P. M.**

**TOWN BOARD ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:27 P. M.**

**TOWN BOARD RETURNED TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING AT 9:04 P. M.**

**NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CLOSED 9:05 P. M.**