

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 9, 2013 AT 7:00 PM AT TOWN HALL,
ONE OVEROCKER ROAD, POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

**PRESENT: Supervisor Tancredi
Councilman Baisley
Councilman Eagleton
Councilman Conte
Councilman Cifone
Councilman Krakower
Councilwoman Shershin
Town Attorney Nelson
Town Clerk Miller**

- **NOTE: Attachments pertaining to a particular Town Board Meeting will be found after the final minutes of that meeting, which are kept in the official minute books, held in Town Clerk's Office.**

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7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE THE FLAG

Supervisor Tancredi: We only have one item on our Special Town Board Meeting and that is to set the date for the Public Hearing on the 2014 Town Budget.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Town Law and other applicable provisions of law, the tentative statement of estimated expenditures and revenues heretofore submitted by the Supervisor is adopted as the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Poughkeepsie for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014 and such Preliminary Budget is on file in the Town Clerk's Office of the Town of Poughkeepsie for public inspection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby set the 16th day of October, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, Town of Poughkeepsie, One Overocker, Poughkeepsie, NY, as the date, time and place of the public hearing, on the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014, at which time all interested parties will have the opportunity to be heard, which Preliminary Budget was approved by this Board and filed with the Town Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise said public hearing in the Poughkeepsie Journal no less than five (5) days prior to the public hearing and to post same on the Town Clerk's bulletin board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

SO MOVED: J. Baisley/S. Eagleton

**ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilman Baisley, Eagleton, Conte, Cifone, Krakower,
Councilwoman Shershin and Supervisor Tancredi**

Nays: None

CARRIED: 7-0

Motion made to close the Special Town Board Meeting: Supervisor Tancredi/J. Conte

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 7:03 PM

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2013**

MEETING OPENED AT 7:04 PM

Supervisor Tancredi: We have one item on the Committee of the Whole Meeting tonight and that is an update from Steve Tinkelman regarding his project on Springside.

**10:09 COW 1 ARCHITECT MICHAEL
ROGRIGUEZ**

Speaking on Springside Project

Michael Rodriguez: Mr. Tinkelman sends his apologies because due to a scheduling conflict he was unable to be here tonight, so I will be giving you a little update on where we've been since we last met. We last appeared here before the Committee of the Whole back on July 17th and we talked to you a little bit about our project we had going at Springside. There are a couple of different actions we are looking for. One would be a Re-Zone action. The site is currently split into a couple of districts. We have the DH District and the R-20 District so we would be looking to take the ATZ Zoning that exists across the street near Holy Trinity and then pull it up to the north side of the Street to include our project here. We have been working with the Planning Board and they are the Lead Agency. We've received some comments back from the various departments which we are currently working through to try and get that done. Since you last looked at the Site Plan that we have, there has been just a couple of minor modifications since July. So, we came through and we've been working through the nuts and bolts of the design and now we are grading some of the parking issues and so there was a slight shift to the parking lot here. A portion of that has to do with Fire Department access into Seitz Terrace and so that shifted our parking lot just a little bit and then really just working a little more on the architectural buildings. We are still in the preliminary phases as part of our submissions to the Planning Board. We did submit some preliminary

elevation views of the building just to give the Board a taste of what it is going to look like with the concepts that we have in mind. Again, we are still looking to have residential uses up here on the hill and this building are also residential. Residential upstairs and commercial downstairs. We are adding a commercial component to the bottom of this existing building and then on this side of the road, again, this is the existing development we already did, and these two buildings will be new on this side of the road. So, we went ahead and prepared a conceptual rendering and all the buildings are still shown in a white box format just to give an idea of scale rather than architectural details and design. But, what this is, starting here and looking north from Springside Avenue, looking now at the new buildings on the upper portion of the site. This first building here, closest to the road, has a commercial component on the lower level and then residential above and as you come up the hill, then these two larger buildings in the back are completely residential. This is the existing structure on the corner of Seitz Terrace and Springside Avenue. This view is now looking on the South side of Springside and so you may recognize our building here, currently under construction and the CPCA is now under full swing. You've probably seen the Kirchshaw Construction Vehicles there as you go by. Here is one of the buildings we've remodeled, the other you can just get a little glimpse of it and this is the new structure we are talking about in the back of the residential building and down at the far end, this building we are still working on the architecture for, but the idea was to kind of give a scale of the buildings in their context as they currently exist. We are hoping to be back before the Town Board on November 6th and again, we are currently through and responding to comments. There are a few technical details that still have to be worked out, but we just wanted to come before you tonight to give you a little update and let you know where we stand.

Councilman Conte: Todd and I had a chance to visit the original project and you've really done a nice face lift over there and it really looks nice. One of the problems I've heard from the residents and it's not necessarily your problem, but that intersection is a very, very difficult intersection. There are about six roads; I know you bumped it out, which helped a little bit. Is there anything that you—?

Michael Rodriguez: A round-a-bout.

Councilman Conte: It certainly has the property for it. There is a road that is coming in and I know you guys have said "Boy, could we do something to help the Town and residents out because I know that I hear it and I would like to see something happen there to make people a little happier than they are right now." I just recently had some markings done and unfortunately the traffic has driven over it and worn it down a bit and it doesn't seem to be a long-term solve, so, has there been any conversation about that?

Michael Rodriguez: Absolutely. We tried a couple of different configurations, round-a-bout, by far, was our preference. Unfortunately, because of the existing curb lines, this building here isn't going to allow us to have the radius we need for a

round-a-bout. We've been working with Phil Greely, traffic consultant, and what he's come up with and we have plans that we submitted to the Planning Board. Basically, it's a triangle shape here and what that does is it directs traffic here and there is a right turn only lane and that kind of blocks the traffic so it directs them toward Seitz Terrace and then we can do a single stop light there in the center and clean up that entire intersection and get a hold of the traffic. On occasion, because I live close by, I walk to work down Van Wagner and cross the intersection here and you see some people not being sure where to go and so our goal with the striped island and some traffic lines coming down would just channel the traffic a little better.

Supervisor Tancredi: Maybe it would be (inaudible) because it would actually slow it down.

Councilman Conte: We do appreciate your thought to it as that was one of the concerns there.

Councilwoman Shershin: I also heard that you were asking for input from the Historic Preservation Commission and that they had met last night and discussed your project and as for the one house on the survey that you currently renting with the root cellar next to it. It has undergone several remodeling since then that it really doesn't speak as to how old the house really is and so we really didn't have much to say about that at all. The only real concern that came up was the barn or stable attached. What are the plans for that? It looks like it may be coming down and that's where the parking lot is currently?

Michael Rodriguez: We have a small dash line(?) here where the barn used to be, there is also a retaining wall existing there, as we came through and developed the grading plan, at one point we were looking toward retaining that structure but the location of that barn on the hill and the grading of the parking up above, it just wasn't working out to retain that structure.

Councilwoman Shershin: Do you have any information on that as to how old it is. I think it was more of a stable thing used as a garage than it ever was used as a barn.

Michael Rodriguez: I've been inside that structure and it hasn't been well cared for over the years of use. So, there is an upstairs level to it and if you step in there, you don't want to take more than a couple of steps. As to the age of it, I don't know, exactly. I can do a little more research and try and find out though.

Councilman Krakower: I think it is a very nice project and I think you've done a good job on trying to preserve what was there and use existing structures and make them really nice and make them blend in with the area and I also like the fact that you guys are not only working there, that's where your office is, but you also live near by, too. It's nice to see when a project comes forward that you have a vested interest in making sure this thing works and works well. I do think it's a good

project and am impressed with what I've seen so far and I hope this goes all the way through and gets built out the way it looks there.

Councilman Cifone: I appreciate the fact that you have come back and have updated us as well. A lot of people don't bother. Thank you.

Councilman Baisley: Do you have meetings with the neighbors to keep them updated as well? You've been very good to us. Especially with the traffic issue because they may have some input. I know there are quite a few neighbors on Van Wagner who worry about the traffic going in the opposite direction up and down their street.

Michael Rodriguez: We've actually received quite a few comments from the neighbors from the last Town Board Meeting. As we left the Chambers here, we had an opportunity to have some nice personal conversations with them. I know that Mr. Tinkelman advised them to come by the office so we could talk to them and show them our plans. Some of the concerns they have, we have a list of concerns and we work to try to address them, also. Some of the neighbors here are working with their sewer line being a force main and were concerned with us tying in the sewer line with their force main and how it will be done. But, our sewer connection will be from the main hole where it takes over by gravity, so we are not affecting their system and we are very conscious of being good neighbors. We want to improve the area and want to take into account where ever possible any of their questions or concerns.

Councilman Baisley: Especially getting that intersection right because we don't think that round-a-bout is going to work, but, whatever you can do to make that a better intersection would help.

Supervisor Tancredi: Motion made to suspend the rules for public speaking on any Town issue. Motion made to suspend the rules: Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 7-0

Frank Carlin: I live on Parkview Terrace and I travel that road every day and turn right by that building that they are going to turn into for the kids there. Years ago that used to be all kinds of thing. When I first joined the Fire Department in 1971, we used to go over there and be able to buy commercial candy and stuff and over the years there used to be a store. I want to talk about this intersection. You don't have to wait for these guys to do what they have to do. Just the other night, and this happens all the time now, especially at night, since they made their curb come out of their property line, one, I was all for that, because it delineates their property line, but because of budget cuts and all, you haven't been able to do what you did in the past. I retired from the County and I used to be a Traffic Control Maintenance Supervisor and on the paving parking crew for 15 years and we used to paint every road in Town every year. We used to paint that intersection. For about \$300 or \$400 right now, I came down the other night and I had the light, the green light, and

I came down Parkview to the right and then cross the arterial and the other people were waiting for the red light and I couldn't turn right because there were people in my lane, but they can't see it. There is no center line and because you don't have the money any more there is no delineation of where people can go. Temporarily, until this project goes or doesn't go, spend the \$300 or \$400 and put a center line there so people will know to stay to the right.

Supervisor Tancredi: That's a good point and we will look into that.

Frank Carlin: That's one thing. My house was built in 1889. I think the Town used to get a sign or something to put up stating what they were doing and then you had to pay a price and when they were done, they had to return the sign?

Councilman Krakower: When a property is subject to a rezoning—

Supervisor Tancredi: Right, that's rezoning, but he's talking about –

Frank Carlin: For informational purposes for when people ride by. I'm not within any 200 feet of any property line there and I've watched them going by there every day since they've started the construction and they have done a pretty good job. That intersection shouldn't really wait. I'm not talking about redesigning, I'm talking about construction. It's maybe 150 feet and that will take care of the problem. There will be an accident if not. Also, if I have a green light and I'm turning right to head down Main Street, I look up the hill, you would be surprised how many people come flying down through that intersection there. Also, in the winter, because you have an old traffic control system, if you see some of these new modern intersections, you will see these big silver boxes at the intersection, all computerized, the Town at some of their intersections still have some of their old narrowed mechanical systems and when it gets cold and wet, they will stick. You are talking about \$100,000.00. The Town probably wouldn't have to pay for that, but, these are some of the immediate problems I see.

Councilman Conte: I've talked to Sgt. Todd Jinca about that and I asked him to try and do a better job and I heard from some residents that it had worn away and I will get a hold of Sgt. Jinca tomorrow and do something about that.

Patricia Pinckney: I'm calling about the Senior Center. I've spoken with a couple of people on the Board about it. When Pat Meyers was involved with the Town, we had our first Senior Citizen meeting looking for a place and I've been on that Committee since then. At our very first meeting, we said that the Senior Citizen Center would be open to only Town of Poughkeepsie residents. We factored in the fact that if someone lived in the Town and moved into the City or surrounding area, they could be grandfathered in. However, what's happened over a period of time is many Out Of Towner's have joined the Center. They have come from Wappingers, Millbrook, Highland, LaGrange and one couple that live on Route 82 in LaGrange and they go to five different Senior Centers, one being the Town of Poughkeepsie,

Millbrook, Town of Washington, Wappingers Falls and Pleasant Valley. They do not live in the Town. With the new Senior Center opening, I feel there are going to be a few glitz's. You have to expect that, but, I think if we continue to allow Town of Poughkeepsie to let in Out of Towner's, I don't think this is right. I don't think its right for the Town of Poughkeepsie to have to pay for people that live in various other regions to make use of our facilities and our monies involved in the Town. Taxes in the Town are high enough. People are moving out. We have two people now working in the Town that are moving out before the first of the year because of the high taxes. My daughter is born and raised in Poughkeepsie, like I was, and she can't afford her taxes and she will be moving, also as of January. I don't think this is right and I don't think people should have to pay for other people. I've talked to a lot of people about this and there is only one person who disagrees with me, and when I say a lot of people, I mean A LOT of people. At my table at the club, there are seven people and only two who live in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Some times there is an eighth and we are still only two, living in the Town. I just have to make you aware of this fact, the people that joined prior to June, they will be allowed to utilize this.

Supervisor Tancredi: I know, Pat, you and I talked about this and I think I made it clear, I think the Town Board's intention, I don't know who told you that, but that's not coming from this Board.

Pat Pinckney; I know it's not. I understood the Recreation Commission—

Councilman Baisley: What we had discussed, is that if you have a friend visiting you, you could bring them in as a guest for a small fee. Not permanently. We are also going to work on that in discussions coming up, but that was not our intention for Out of Towner's. It's a big Town and I think we are going to have a big influx of residents who want to join and we want to make sure our residents are taken care of. No, we are not looking to open it to outsiders. We have put in a lot of money and we have been looking for a Senior Center for years and we want it to work out for the benefit of our residents first.

Pat Pinckney: I understood that when the Recreation group met that they said that the people who had been involved prior to June would be allowed to.

Councilwoman Shershin: These are members of Club 60.

Supervisor Tancredi: In my view of this, if we've had someone part of our club for 20 years, there is an exception to every rule, but Jay is right, we all agree, the primary objective of our Senior Center is to serve Town residents and Town Seniors. If there is a Town Senior that was part of the Town for 30 years and they have now moved to the City of Poughkeepsie, that's one exception. Or a visitor visiting you and you want to bring that visitor to a meeting, that's another exception.

Councilman Krakower: I think we have to first see how many people come through the doors. It's a big building and can accommodate a lot of people. If we have it packed with Town residents, then the issue as far as residents and non-residents, goes away, in my opinion, because residents get first options. If it's not packed with Town residents, then if there are non-residents interested, we certainly should consider that issue at that point because the main thing that what to me is the Town residents pay Town taxes which subsidizes that building and programs. Non-residents don't, so whatever fees that we charge have to reflect that. If down the road we should have to start having non-residents, then they should be paying something to compensate the fact that Town residents should get something for their tax dollar, but I think we should just open the doors, hope the place is packed with residents and see what happens. If it should be a case the non-resident comes in. There should be a resident and non-resident price for joining.

Supervisor Tancredi: First priority will be the Town Residents. They are the ones who vote for us and support us and we, in turn, try to respond to them as much as possible.

Doreen Tignanelli: I have a Budget question. Last year was there some talk about Section 8 Housing going under City of Beacon or something?

Supervisor Tancredi: City of Poughkeepsie. That's still the plan. We are dealing with the Federal Government and that is never easy, but we feel they are directing us to consolidate Section 8 Units and programs and so we are in the process of shipping our Unit and combining it with the City of Poughkeepsie. I believe there is \$50,000 in Budget for Section 8 and hopefully it will get us through that transition. Hopefully, we can have this transferred by January. We are working with HUD to try and make it happen. The City wants the program and has agreed to accept it and we are trying to get it worked out.

Councilman Krakower: Just as a side, this Section 8 is terrible, it doesn't accommodate many people who actually need housing. The waiting list is like 7 to 9 years. It's ridiculous.

Doreen Tignanelli: Do we still have someone working here at Town Hall with it? For next year?(No) The prior speaker was talking about people having to leave the are because of their taxes, again, the biggest line on your property tax bill, if you live in the Arlington Fire District, is your Arlington Fire District Tax and so I would like to remind you of the Budget Hearing being on Tues. October 15, 6 PM, Red Oaks Mill Fire Station. They have a 16.2 million dollar budget again. The Town's Budget is \$22 million.

Motion made to resume the rules: Supervisor Tancredi/S. Eagleton

CARRIED: 7-0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FINANCE Councilman Krakower: No Report
2. FIRE ADVISORY Councilman Conte: No Report
3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS Councilwoman Shershin: No Report
4. LAND USE & PLANNING Councilman Krakower: No Report
5. PERSONNEL Councilman Cifone: We are going to be having an up and coming Health Fair Day hopefully the week before Thanksgiving and we will have more information on that hopefully in a week or so and will have a locked in date as well.
6. RECREATION Councilman Baisley: No Report
7. SENIOR CITIZENS Councilman Baisley: No Report
8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT Councilman Eagleton: No Report
9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY Councilman Eagleton: No Report
Did we hear back yet on the report of DEC Plan for Country Club Estates?
Supervisor Tancredi: Not that I'm aware of.

RESOLUITON

BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Poughkeepsie does hereby adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters, to wit:

1. Contract Negotiations – Collective Negotiations

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there will be no action appropriating money.

SO MOVED: J. Baisley/S. Eagleton

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Councilmen Baisley, Eagleton, Conte, Cifone, Krakower, Councilwoman Shershin, and Supervisor Tancredi
Nays: None

CARRIED: 7-0

TOWN BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 PM

TOWN BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:19 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOWN BOARD RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:19 PM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:20 PM

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