

**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AT 7:00 PM
AT TOWN HALL, ONE OVEROCKER ROAD
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK**

PRESENT: Supervisor Tancredi
Councilman Carlos
Councilman Cifone
Councilman Krakower
Councilwoman Shershin
Town Attorney Nelson
Town Clerk Salvatore

ABSENT: Councilman Conte

- **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 the Town Clerk's Office.

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7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

SALUTE THE FLAG

02:11-COW01 Elizabeth Waldstein Hart, Executive Director of Walkway Over the Hudson and Susanne O'Neil, Program Manager spoke about a Marathon Event to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015. Elizabeth spoke about the Marathon and she felt it would bring a lot of attention to the Hudson Valley and Town of Poughkeepsie. Susanne O'Neil is the Program Manager of the Walkway and also a Marathoner and Elizabeth stated that they have been working with some wonderful partners in putting this together for about two years.

Elizabeth: When the Dutchess Rail trail was connected to the Walkway over the Hudson, we realized at that time that there was primarily enough off road trail to organize and run a full marathon. That got our attention and our imaginations going a couple of years ago and Susanne and I will share some of the planning and work that has gone into it. We are now looking for your support to generate volunteers and encourage the Town of Poughkeepsie community to take part in this great event. The event is on June 13th, 2015. There will be three races on the same day, the 5K, which is a race that exists, and the half and full marathon. The reason we picked June 13th is we decided to hold it on the same day that the treetops to rooftops race has been held on the walkway, which benefits the walkway and so we decided to combine these two races on that date. We also were looking for a time that was not too cold or too hot and get in between some of the big races in the area. There are a lot of special things about this race. The special thing is that it is in the Hudson Valley and it's running over the Hudson River and we have one of a kind race course and one of a kind scenic experience over the Walkway for our runners.

Susanne O'Neil: From the first slide here, one of the great strengths of this race is it is going to be a fast and flat course for our runners. It really showcases the "Rail Trail System" as well as the "Walkway Over the Hudson". Another great thing about this is that it will be the first green race, we are getting it certified through "Athletes For a Fit Planet" and so we are seeking a green certification for this race, which means we are going to have biodegradable cups and the food left over at the end of the race will be composted or given to local food pantries, we are going to use re-purposed wood that is local here for our medals and we are working with SUNY New Paltz to create an environmental friendly age division award for each individual that receives one. These are some of the things we are looking to have within the race.

We are proud to have our partnerships that we work with within our community.

Elizabeth Waldstein-Hart: At the top of the list is the City and Town of Poughkeepsie Governments. There is a lot of policing and security that has to be done for this. Dutchess County has taken the lead on that. Supervisor Tancredi has been involved in some of the meetings. They will be taking care of all the traffic on the Rail Trail, on the roads in the Town of Poughkeepsie. We talked about a baseball game and a couple of things we are going to look at. The races will begin and end at Marist College and they will be doing all the policing and parking and tenting down at the river, as is Vassar College allowing us to use their boat house and the Chamber of Commerce is doing some promotions for us and the Mid-Hudson Road Runners Club is doing a lot of the "leg work". They have done a lot of the work and helped with a lot of the aspects of the race. The Bridge Authority owns the Walkway and so they will be integral in this. Parks will be securing the walkway portion of it into Ulster County where runners will turn around and come back down to the Walkway. This has been a fantastic partnership affair. Without this partnership, the race would be very expensive. We have over 800 registrants already. We have a cap of about 2,000.

If we get about 1500 runners, we stand a good chance of breaking even on the race. The Walkway is not completely finished and this will help with all the work cut out for us on the Walkway completion.

The presentation continued for over 10 minutes, and it was said that over 400 volunteers will be needed-all are welcome! To view the entire presentation please visit our website at:

www.townofpoughkeepsie.com, and go to our Meetings page where a link to our YouTube Channel is available.

**LETTER OF AGREEMENT ATTACHED TO FINAL BOOK COPY
ALSO PORTFOLIO ATTACHED WITH INFORMATION**

Thomas Meyering, Recreation Director for the Town of Poughkeepsie gave an overview of the plans to improve the busiest and most visible Town park, Greenvale. Greenvale is an active park. It is the site of our summer day camp and summer concert series. It has an updated playground, a new baseball backstop, two small pavilions, a tennis court, basketball court and access to the Wappinger Creek. It is the home of the TOP Soccer Club. In partnership with TOPSC an irrigation and turf management program has been implemented. The fields are in great shape. Proposals for improvements are:

- Replace dead and dying locust trees (already removed) with a Memorial Grove. Various types of trees will be planted through donations “in memory of..”
- New Fencing (replace chain link fence with post & rail)
- Build larger pavilion

Councilman Cifone: On the Pavilion costs, did you put that out to bid, or how did you get that number?

Tom Meyering: We put out an RFP and we have one that has been returned so far and we are waiting for other people to respond to it. That number is within the general guideline in one RFP that was returned.

Councilman Cifone: Did you look into in case of inclement weather, did we look at any of those clear curtains, roll down ones, have you considered that, because you have camps there, if it rains you can keep the kids inside and the wind doesn't affect them at that point.

Tom Meyering: My experience, actually, with the Hacket Hill Pavilion, because I worked up there for ten years, is that with 6 foot eaves on each side, that unless the rain is literally coming in sideways, it doesn't get into the center part and we were able to fit a camp of about 150 under that pavilion up there.

Councilwoman Shershin: Yes, I think this is a really positive step for this camp and of course, as we discussed at the Recreation Committee, I would like to see running water and bathroom facilities to be the next step for it. That would also be not only more pleasant, but a savings in the future because you wouldn't have to bring in the Port-a-potty's.

Councilman Cifone: Do we have access to water and sewer up there?

Tom Meyering: We do water, but not sewer.

Supervisor Tancredi: It's certainly a goal, I think the first step, as Tom outlined it, is the general improvement of this area. A pavilion can be useful to us in a number

of ways. I just think that as we continue to try to improve our parks, it's a positive impact that the residents see every day and will be able to enjoy and benefit from.

Councilman Carlos: Do we have to act on both of those proposals tonight?

Supervisor Tancredi: Next week. The only proposal we need to act upon, technically, is the movement of the money from our Trust Fund to fund this. Once we get the RFP's in and get solid numbers on the pavilions, we will do that as we go along.

Tom Meyering: We don't need an actual endorsement, but as long as I don't hear anyone here jumping up and down saying "No we shouldn't be doing it." I take that as consent.

Councilman Carlos: I think there is consent of the Board to go ahead.

Supervisor Tancredi: Yes, I think it's a great idea.

Councilman Cifone: One other question. The old pavilion, can that be taken apart and utilized anywhere else in another park without scrapping it?

Tom Meyering: At this point, we haven't really decided what we want to do with it. One school of thought was to leave it where it is and put the new pavilion in a slightly different location and another thought was to take it down and possibly converting it in the future as bathrooms because you already have the roofs, just put sides on it and your floor in it. So, for now, I don't see it coming down right away.

Councilwoman Shershin: After we transfer the funds out of the Rec. Fund, how much money is left in the Rec. Fund? Just to let the public know we are not draining it.

Tom Meyering: Roughly \$100,000 left.

Supervisor Tancredi: But, to keep in mind, the Rec. Trust Fund so everyone knows, that that is contributions that developers make to our Recreation Trust Fund when they build. That money is not tax money and is set aside from development and is to be used for capital improvements in areas of recreation. That's kind of what it is there for.

Councilman Baisley : Tom, what is the date set aside for St. Patrick's Day for the senior citizens?

Tom Meyering: March 18th.

Councilman Baisley: Wednesday noon, March the 18th at the Senior Center.

We had over 100 people last year and we hope we can get a lot more. Todd, Ann and Stephan are all serving this year.

Town Clerk Salvatore: I would like to serve.

Councilman Carlos: I'm helping them cook.

A SUMMARY BY MR. MEYERING IS ATTACHED TO FINAL BOOK COPY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 1. FINANCE | Councilman Krakower: Nothing to Report |
| 2. FIRE ADVISORY | Councilman Baisley: Nothing to Report |
| 3. GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS | Councilwoman Shershin: Nothing to Report |
| 4. LAND USE & PLANNING | Councilman Krakower: Nothing to Report |
| 5. PERSONNEL | Councilman Cifone: Nothing to Report |
| 6. RECREATION | Councilman Baisley: Nothing to Report
(Mr. Meyering will cover Rec. & Sr. Cit.) |
| 7. SENIOR CITIZEN | Supervisor Tancredi:
One note of interest that came across my desk is that AARP for five Fridays will be giving Seniors free tax preparation if there are any seniors interested, they can dial 211, which is the United Way Help Line for information. |
| 8. TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT | Councilman Carlos: Nothing to Report |
| 9. WATER, SEWER, HIGHWAY | Councilman Carlos: Meetings were held but nothing to Report |

TOWN BOARD MEETING CLOSED AT 7:35 PM

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