

UNION VALE TOWN BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2024 RD10 Public Hearing
249 DUNCAN ROAD, UNION VALE, NEW YORK
UNION VALE TOWN HALL 7:00 PM
PRESENT: Supervisor Steve Frazier
Town Council: Pat Cartalemi, Kevin Durland, Kevin McGivney, John Welsh
Deputy Town Clerk: Emily Cole
Town Attorney: Attorney Joe Eriole

Supervisor Frazier explained the purpose of this public hearing was regarding a potential code change to RD10 zoning and motioned the opening at 7:00pm seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor. Attorney Eriole began by giving a summary of the process and noted no vote can take place tonight as there has been no response yet from Dutchess County and if no material changes are made to the potential law and review from Town Planner. Most changes were elaborating to what was already in the draft making clearer parameters for individuals. He further highlighted the changes, first item is 'landback' parking with added provisions such as a definition as a way to further preserve the green space. This would be further administered through a permitting process. Next, subsection 9 on lodging facilities a, that this allows lodging facilities however, the want to eliminate any doubt this is lodging for those not participating in the event such as a hotel. Attorney Eriole noted the Town Planner heavily suggested having a square footage limitation on the catering facility itself, and not for the maximum of the lodging facilities. The number was derived from 10 in the aggregate 5000 and thereby the number 500sqft was derived as a suite size from the Planners experience of what the Town wants to achieve in aesthetic. The third item #13, is further clarification on the 'landback' parking concept and further explained the idea, again in his opinion, not a material change. Another item the Planner had suggested would be the idea of not using typical paving for a parking lot, with preference to gravel or other materials for pervious materials for internal roads, not access points. This can be left out of the law and left up to the Planning Board to use their discretion based on the topography and safety of the landscape. Outdoor activities in 14b, more elaboration. Lastly, specific additions of studies the Planning Board could ask for such as noise, traffic study, and signage.

Public Comment- there were no comments from the public

The Board discussed factors such as 13B with regard to material for internal streets noting they like the idea but may not be appropriate for all areas and should be left for the Planning Board to distinguish per project. They also discussed the need for Planning Board to request traffic studies. There was further discussion on this topic.

Motion to Remove Paragraph 13B

Councilman Welsh made a motion to remove paragraph 13B as the Board feels it is not needed. This was seconded by Councilman Durland and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Accept Amended Zoning Change

Councilman Durland made a motion to accept the amended RD10 Zoning changes with exception of Paragraph 13B, which was already voted on. This was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Attorney Eriole explained the Board should leave the public hearing open, and direct his office to redraft the changes and resubmit it to the Board and continue the hearing on the revised and final law which should leave room for the County's response. Attorney Eriole offered to send the revision to Dutchess County Planning.

Motion to Continue the Hearing

Supervisor Frazier made a motion to continue to Public Hearing until a later date which was seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were unanimously in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk

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Highway Superintendent: Ed Kading

Supervisor Frazier called the regular meeting to order and Salute to the Flag.

Motion Approve Minutes: Councilman Welsh made a motion to approve the September 4, 2024 Meeting minutes which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Supervisors Report

- Made some minor refinements to the budget and added some figures that he was waiting to hear back on.

Board Member Reports

Councilman Welsh – reviewing the 2025 budget in detail and will report more later.

Councilman Cartalemi- reviewing the 2025 budget.

Councilman Durland – reviewing the 2025 budget.

Councilman McGivney- reviewing the 2025 budget.

Town Clerk Report

No Report as Deputy Cole was filing in for the Town Clerk who was attending training.

Highway Superintendent Report

Superintendent Kading reporting on road work and the status of some of the equipment. He further inquired about roads to abandon such as Wilcox Road as it is basically a driveway.

Councilman Welsh agreed and Supervisor Frazier they would like to further research the legal issues.

Recreation, submitted by Recreation Director Maggie Collins

This afternoon the Parks Manager and I attended a meeting at Nooteming Camp hosted by Dutchess County DPW Commissioner Robert Balkind. Our team and surrounding town's Parks and Recreation departments were invited to a tour of Camp Nooteming campgrounds and building facilities. We were informed that in the future the County will be taking proposals from interested municipalities to potentially operate programs and rentals at the campground. It was very informative to see how they have operated their camp and a great chance to discuss different ideas on Summer Camp with fellow Recreation Directors.

This Friday we will be hosting our annual Halloween Movie Night. This is a free family event with the movie starting after the sun goes down at around 6:30pm and a food truck serving food before and during the movie. We encourage you to bring a chair or a blanket to sit on and bundle up for potentially cold weather. On Monday October 28th the Beekman Pharmacy will be providing a vaccine clinic in the large hall of the Main Park Building from 3:30-5pm. This clinic will allow residents close access to flu shots, RSV, shingles, and other vaccines. Walk-ins are welcome; you must have a valid form of ID and Medicare/Insurance cards. For more information, please see our event up on our social media pages as well as our Parks and Recreation website. Our team has enjoyed welcoming back students to our TGTT program for the half day off last Friday and the holiday this past Monday. Remaining Fall dates are open for registration on our Parks and Recreation website.

Parks Report October 16, 2024 Submitted by Vincent Germano

- We have been putting a lot of our time into clearing along the creek at the bottom of the Disc Golf Course.
- The grass is almost done growing so we are preparing to put our mowers away for the season.
- We have been clearing the leaves off most of the trails on the Tymor side of Duncan Road, we will move on to the ones on the equestrian center side in the coming weeks.

- The last of the roof work has been done, which included a small amount of siding and repairing a broken section of fascia and gutter.
- As the temperature is starting to get close to freezing we will be closing the seasonal bathrooms very soon.

Library Report

Library Trustee President, Amy Watkins spoke about updates from the Library: . I will be as brief as possible and as always, if you or the residents have any questions, I am always available. Best on email during the workday because of my full-time job but I always enjoy hearing from you even if my response is slightly delayed.

1. An issue was brought up by the Town Supervisor earlier this year about the need for the library to complete an application for a Certificate of Occupancy, complete with drawings, and construction plans due, or he would ask the Building Department Head to shut the library down.
 - a. We never completed the application since we were not making any changes to the building (other than rugs, paint and new bookshelves)
 - b. Mr. Frazier threatened us in an email for not submitting the paperwork, but he said the town board agreed with this need as did the Building Dept.
 - c. WE observed there was never a town board vote on the matter so it would be difficult to say the “town board agreed”. We proceeded on our own to research the issue.
 - d. We FOILED the town in search of all other applicants who use the space, namely the Seniors (on Fridays) and the Parks & Rec department to read their applications.
 - e. While it took the town longer than expected to respond to our FOIL, we found that no other users of the same space have completed an application for a Certificate of Occupancy.
 - f. We also found that the town issued Certificates of Compliance on the few occasions that construction work was taking place, and we assume that when we begin construction on the space upstairs to become the wonderful library space we envision, we will fill out all applications, get all building permits and follow all town rules for construction as users of the space in the past have.
 - g. Until then, our experts confirm to us, the space is pre-existing, non-conforming and therefore it should be grandfathered.
 - h. Until our construction permits are applied for in the future, we now consider this issue to be closed.
2. We have an exciting Civil Service update that was sent to Supervisor Frazier and me, so I apologize Board members if you have already read the news from him:
 - a. To summarize, Our Civil Service Representative confirmed from Albany the following --
 - b. Board of Regents charters establish not-for-profit educational corporations such as public libraries. (We received our hard- earned Charter in late July).
 - c. The library board of trustees, and not the town board has the authority to appoint and dismiss library personnel as per Education Law section 226(7). This is supported by the Opinions of the State Comptroller 74-614, June 7, 1974.
 - d. I am supplying the Dutchess County Human Resources Dept with the required paperwork, so from now on the Union Vale Library can hire on their own and no longer be a burden to the town board.
 - e. We thank you for your “Yea” votes in the past and look forward to working with you to deliver some wonderful services to our residents as equal partners.
3. Money requested by MHLS to join their system:
 - a. When meeting with the MHLS we learned that the annual cost to join the MHLS is \$4,000-\$8,000 and based on what we already have it would be closer to the \$4,000 amount.
4. We have been informed that there is a referendum on the ballot this election season which reads as follows:
 - a. Shall the town of Union Vale own and operate a public library?
 - b. Since we already have a chartered public library, we thought it might be helpful to put some context around these questions so we ‘d like to invite all of you on the Board and all interested residents to join us next Wednesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM at Library for a Q & A about the referendum.
 - c. We look forward to a good discussion and delivering many answers to any questions the public has before voting on November 5th.

Attorney Eriole advised Dr. Watkins to work with the Town Clerk to make sure the forum is properly noticed if the Town Board will be in attendance and will be speaking. He also wanted

on record that a Municipality should never be required to waive something that ought to be required just because it may have been missed in the past.

Motion to Notice Library Forum

Councilman Cartalemi made a motion to direct the Town Clerk to publish a public notice of the Library Forum on October 23rd at 7:00PM so the Town Board may attend and participate if necessary seconded by Councilman Welsh and all were in favor.

Public Comment on Agenda Items- None

Councilman Welsh added the Union Vale Fire Department is collecting soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald house.

Motion to Approve Surplus

Councilman Welsh made a motion to surplus the John Deere loader and various pipe fittings as surplus seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

RD10 Code Change

Supervisor Frazier explained this was discussed at length during the public hearing prior to the meeting tonight. The changes will be posted on the website and the hearing will continue so they may wait to hear comments from Dutchess County Planning.

2025 Budget Discussion

Supervisor Frazier brought information to the meeting from questions that arose and also met with the Recreation Director on her budget and slight increase to camp registration fees which have made them all self-funded. The sales tax revenue through the end of September received is \$330,000 which explains how he arrived at the budgeted number. He further explained the Constable salary and that the original numbers from the prior year never included hours for training or working events totaling 516-man hours. Supervisor Frazier added \$5,000 as a savings for replacing future vehicles with cash saved. He also advised on the Justice line, after speaking with them although it is a cost to the Town it is necessary and added a raise for the Court Clerk. Councilman Cartalemi noted the increase to that salary being 23% from \$1,910 to \$2,349 and felt this was concerning along with Town Justice's salary increasing 17% since the Court always operates in the red. He feels this should be worked up to overtime and not do this in 1 year. Although he feels an increase is deserved he feels the focus should be on full-timers. There was further discussion on this topic as well as the sources of revenue. Councilman Cartalemi advocated going through the budget line by line at a special meeting.

Public Comment on Town Issues

Chuck Richwine, On the Green, spoke about potential charges from Mid Hudson Library System being in excess of the \$100,000 already being asked for. He noted the Millbrook Library is extremely under-utilized. He feels that the Mid Hudson System is antiquated as well as such institutions as post offices in the future. He noted the high cost of EMT service and advocated for combining forces perhaps as he has seen EMT's waiting for calls in 3 separate towns. He wishes the Town would focus on getting the cell tower revenue rather than fighting about the library. He invited the Town Board to either to call, email or visit his home to further discuss his ideas for the Town.

Approve Budget Adjustments, Transfers, Warrants, Pay Bills

Councilman Welsh made a motion to pay the bills and which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Motion to Adjourn At 8:15PM Councilman Welsh made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Councilman Cartalemi and all were unanimously in favor.

Next meeting is November 6, at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrea Casey, Town Clerk