

Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for May 15, 2014

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, G. Marzec, M. O'Donnell, and S. Guerin

Absent: M. Wrolsen, C. Tienken, and J. Barbour

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- B. Sawchuk asked about having 7 or 9 members on the CAC. S. Guerin mentioned that Ken Benson might be interested in becoming a member. M. O'Donnell suggested that Steve Chorvas be considered for appointment to the CAC.
- L. Thornton spoke about Josh Randall's funeral. The Historic Preservation Commission will be soliciting donations to assist Marti Randall with Josh's funeral expenses and an access ramp for her wheelchair.
- Leeanne also discussed several Town Board issues:
 - o There was an issue brought before the board regarding fences, nearby structures and property lines.
 - o The noise issue has been raised again. We don't have an ordinance for noise control.
 - o Graffiti has increased in the town. Leeanne is looking for an ordinance that has language that would not penalize the owner of the building regarding graffiti removal.
 - o B. Sawchuk stated that people can make a civil case against complaint issues such as odors, noise, etc.
- B. Sawchuk asked our opinion of last month's joint meeting on the proposed Water Resources ordinance. There was some discussion of this issue.
 - o The Comprehensive Planning Committee may decide to go with public education on water resources, or may try to do a rewrite of the proposed law.
- S. Guerin updated us on Bristol Beach. He spoke to Pete Lopez who was going to keep us informed. Leeanne asked if Mr. Lopez was going to come back to the CAC with information. The first question that needs to be determined is, does the Palisades Park Commission want to give us the property. Steve will check with Mr. Lopez on this.
- M. O'Donnell attended the public hearing in Westchester on the Esopus Creek turbidity issue. Only three members of the public attended and they were from Ulster County!
 - o There was discussion regarding possible mitigation of turbid releases.
 - o July 8th, 2014 is the last day for comments on the Environmental Impact Statement.
- Steve made a motion to accept the March 2014 minutes as written. Since not all present had a chance to read them, this was tabled until the next meeting.

As there were no further topics for discussion, our meeting was adjourned at ca. 8:17 pm.