

Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for September 18th, 2008

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, J. Barbour, M. Wrolsen, S. Thorpe, J. Randall,
E. Shafer, G. Marzec, J. Kane and Melissa Barry (Behan Associates)

Absent: A. Weeks

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- This meeting was the third in a series with the Open Space Plan contractor, Behan Associates. Melissa Barry from Behan led the meeting.
- Melissa discussed the workshop, which will be held on September 22 at 6:30 pm. CAC staff will be there at 5:30 to set up for the meeting.
 - There may be up to 6 groups with 10 – 15 people in each.
 - M. Wrolsen agreed to keep track of the time allotted for each question at the public meeting.
 - L. Thornton will provide an introduction about the Open Space Plan.
 - M. Barry provided handouts containing the agenda and the guiding principles for the meeting.
 - The CAC ran through a simulation of the facilitated group discussions.
 - A discussion followed regarding the overall process to be used at the meeting.
 - The CAC suggested that the first question about acceptance of the open space principles be changed to ask people what ideas they have for guiding principles.
 - Once the group discussions are finished, the results will be summarized and presented by one of the group members to all in attendance.
 - Three CAC members volunteered to be facilitators (J. Randall, S. Barbour, G. Marzec) and three volunteered to be recorders (L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, S. Thorpe).
- Comments were considered in revisions made to the maps provide by Behan at the last CAC meeting.
 - J. Randall suggested that M. Barry contact the Town Historian for additional info on the location of historic cemeteries in the Town.
- In other business:
 - L. Thornton stated that Hudsonia will be providing biodiversity training again.
 - The CPC is reviewing mining zoning. L. Thornton stated that they are evaluating mining regulations from other towns. A workshop will be held on September 23rd at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.
 - B. Sawchuk stated that there will be a hearing on the right-to-farm legislation on October 22nd.
 - B. Sawchuk asked that the CAC members review and comment on the proposed noise ordinance.
- The next meeting is on October 16th , 2008 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ca. 9 pm.