

# **Town of Saugerties**

## **Conservation Advisory Commission**

Meeting minutes for November 18th, 2010

Present: Sandra Thorpe; Josh Randall; Mary Anne Wrolsen; Brian Sawchuk,  
Chairperson; LeeAnne Thornton, Town Board Liaison; G. Marzec;  
J. Barbour.

Absent: Elizbeth Shafer

Convened: 7:10 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

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- G. Marzec requested approval of the minutes from the October 2010 meeting. J. Randall made a motion to approve. It was seconded by M. Wrolsen and approved by all.
- L. Thornton had several issues to discuss with the CAC:
  - LeeAnne provided a summary of the latest meetings for the Comprehensive Plan review group. The group has begun editing and updating the goals of the plan.
  - Dennis Doyle from County Planning dept. offered comments on the affordable housing provisions of the conservation subdivision rules in the zoning ordinance.
  - Ulster County Planning is reviewing the final draft of the Water Resources Protection plan that we commented on at the October meeting of the CAC.
  - The natural resources section of the zoning ordinance was discussed among the CPC work group for the purpose of establishing guidelines for permits for land disturbances.
- B. Sawchuk stated that we should begin to establish the educational component of the Open Space Plan.
  - Everyone agreed that Red Hook has had an impressive track record with open space. Brian suggested that we ask them to speak at one of our meetings and inform us of their strategies for obtaining conservation easements. It was also suggested that perhaps members of other committees from Saugerties could attend.
  - Brian stated that he would contact Red Hook about attending one of our CAC meetings.
  - J. Randall said that we were already working on objective #1 in the Open Space Plan by having a CAC liaison on the Planning Board. Josh had the opportunity to present a summary of the plan to the board at a recent meeting.
  - J. Barbour suggested that we could also have someone from Scenic Hudson meet with us since they also have much experience in addressing conservation easements.
  - Brian suggested that we create an educational pamphlet containing different means of attaining land protection along with informational contacts.
  - LeeAnne suggested that we have the pamphlets ready by the time we have a public information session. The info session could have representatives from the Town of Red Hook and/or Scenic Hudson.
  - Brian also found some information from Ohio State regarding different mechanisms of preservation.
  - Brian also asked that we set up a working group to facilitate completion of this work.

- In other business, Josh stated that the Highland Cliffs project came up at the last Planning Board meeting. The same previous concerns were discussed regarding water availability for fire fighting and the 90° turn that limits access.
- Leeanne stated that there is interest in creating a dog park at Cantine Field.

There being no further business, our meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.