

Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for March 21, 2014

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, M. Wrolsen, G. Marzec, C. Tienken, M. O'Donnell, S. Guerin and J. Barbour

Absent: J. Randall

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- The Village and the Town agreed to jointly apply for a grant regarding advisories for the consumption of locally caught fish.
 - o There was some discussion regarding the need for such advisories considering that they are included in NYSDEC fishing licenses and at launch sites.
 - o There was also discussion about the CAC not being consulted prior to the decision to apply for the grant.
 - o The CAC may be asked to provide some educational outreach.
- The group discussed the origin of the CAC, which was initially called the Commission for the Conservation of the Environment. L. Thornton stated that an annual report is not required for the CAC. She provides ongoing updates to the Town Board at their monthly meetings.
- There was a discussion of the town's water resources.
 - o C. Tienken pointed out that a study was performed in the mid 2000s when he was chair of the CAC.
 - o S. Guerin suggested the possibility of a water feasibility study to determine projected use, new sources, and development of new sources.
- S. Guerin updated the group on Bristol Beach. He spoke to our Assemblyman and he is working on our proposal to turn the land back over to the town.
- L. Thornton updated the group on issues brought before the Town Board.
 - o A resident on Route 212 was concerned about outdoor wood burners and the effects on neighbors. There was some discussion about this topic.
 - o The issue of private roads and town responsibility was raised. There is a procedure for turning over a road to the town, but until such time, the owners are responsible for maintenance. Two citizens were complaining about this issue.
- M. Wrolsen stated that the Ulster County task force on invasives is doing a presentation on the European Ash Borer at Ulster County Community College on April 10, 2014 from 08:30 to 11:30 am.
- The February minutes drafted by M. O'Donnell were approved by all.
- B. Sawchuk asked that we review the Open Space Plan action items for the next meeting.

As there were no further topics for discussion, our meeting was adjourned at ca. 8:30pm.