

Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for June 18th, 2009

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

Also present: B. Benepe

Absent: S. Thorpe

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- M. Barry discussed the finalization of the Open Space Plan.
 - Melissa provided a hand-out entitled “Process for Open Space Plan and SEQR completion”.
 - Melissa recommended inviting the village to the joint public hearing.
 - The public meeting with the Town Board is tentatively set for July 30th.
 - The draft of the Open Space Plan was previously reviewed by the CAC members and discussed at this meeting. Comments from E. Shafer, J. Barbour and G. Marzec were addressed by Melissa and the group.
 - A long discussion ensued regarding the “Fiscal Balance” paragraph and the issues surrounding the presentation of fiscal impacts of various land uses.
 - B. Benepe provided his comments on the Agricultural resources section.
 - Melissa reviewed the table on page 98 – “Implementing the Open Space Plan”.
 - This table needs further review to be sure the responsibilities are properly designated.
 - The “Next Steps” section on page 99 was discussed.
 - For item #4 (outreach), L. Thornton suggested that the Esopus Creek Conservancy could be a good partner.
 - Item #5 – the CPC and Town Board should work together to determine scope of work and funding for a build-out analysis.
 - Melissa will incorporate our comments and provide copies of the final draft document.
- On a sad note for the CAC, but a new chapter in her life, Melissa announced that she will be moving to Austin Texas in mid-August. We wished her well and thanked her for her diligence in completing the Town of Saugerties Open Space Plan.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ca. 9:30 pm.