

## **Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission**

Meeting minutes for February 16th, 2012

Present: M. Wrolsen, E. Shafer, L. Thornton, S. Thorpe, C. Tienken, S. Guerin and G. Marzec

Absent: B. Sawchuk , J. Randall and J. Barbour

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

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- B. Sawchuk asked that we discuss the Patterson Rd Right of Way (ROW) issue since he cannot be present at today's meeting.
  - o The Town owns the ROW and there is no recommended transfer of ownership.\
  - o S. Guerin made a motion that we write a recommendation to the Town Board from the CAC. The motion was seconded and approved by all. Steve will draft this letter.
- E. Shafer will attend a meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 regarding New York water laws and regulations.
- Elizabeth also stated that she read an article on how Woodstock had passed an ordinance on not accepting hydrofracking fluid for disposal or use as a deicing agent.
  - o L. Thornton said that the CAC could adopt a position on the use of this material.
  - o Elizabeth will check the wording of Woodstock's ordinance.
- Leeanne stated that there is a possibility of having a music promoter do an annual music festival at the site of the former Winston Farm. Jeremy Shaller presented the information and asked if there was interest on the part of the Town Board. It will be presented to the board.
- Leeanne also said that FEMA came back with a list of eligible road damage that qualifies for funding. Most are partially eligible with the town being responsible for picking up the balance.
- M. Wrolsen stated that the Emerald Ash Borer information program will be on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Senior Center.
- C. Tienken suggested that the issue of turbidity in the Esopus Creek may have to be brought up to the federal level to obtain some resolution.
  - o S. Guerin made a motion that the CAC write a letter to the Town Board supporting action against turbid releases. The motion was seconded by Cliff. With the exception of G. Marzec, who abstained from the vote, all other CAC members present voted in favor.
  - o Steve will draft this letter to the board.
- For the sake of new members on the CAC, G. Marzec stated that he has to recuse himself from discussions regarding the NYCDEP and the turbidity releases.
- Gerry provided a short summary on the status of the Comprehensive Plan review group.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes for September and October of 2011, seconded, and approved.

As there were no further topics for discussion, our meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.