

Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for April 17th, 2008

Present: L. Thornton, J. Barbour, M. Wrolsen, A. Weeks, S. Thorpe, J. Randall,
E. Shafer, J. Kane, G. Marzec

Absent: B. Sawchuk

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

Copies of the two quotes for the Open Space Plan were distributed – one from Tim Miller Associates and the other from Behan Planning Associates.

The pros and cons of each proposal were discussed. J. Barbour had some experience with Tim Miller and shared his opinion with the group.

We agreed that approximately 20 questions should be assembled for inclusion in the questionnaire to be distributed to the people of the town.

L. Thornton asked if we all had copies of the minutes from the March 15th meeting with local farmers regarding support for the right to farm in the town. Copies were distributed to those who didn't receive them.

J. Kane stated that NYS Agriculture and Markets may have \$25K grants available this summer for working on farmland planning.

The Comprehensive Planning Committee wants us to identify where soils and underlying geology would lend themselves to potential quarries.

L. Thornton suggested that we have a representative from each of the two potential vendors come in and meet with us. Meeting dates will be arranged for May.

E. Shafer suggested that we contact some of the listed clients for references. Several members volunteered to call some of the municipalities listed in the quotes.

Assignments for the next meeting included calling the references, finalizing the questions and reviewing the proposals.

The next meeting will be held on May 15th, 2008 at the Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ca. 8:30 pm.