

Town of Saugerties
Conservation Advisory Commission

Minutes of 1-21-16

Meeting was called to order 7:00 P.M.

The members in attendance: S. Guerin, C. Tienken Sr., K. Benson, L. Thorton, B. Sawchuck, R. Ghering, M. Harkavy, M. Wrolsen and M. O'Donnell

Absent: C Tienken Jr.

Elections: The elections for 2016 were held and the results were:

Chairman: Steve Guerin

Vice Chairman: Cliff Tienken Sr.

Recording Secretary: Kenneth Benson

New Business:

Item 1: An invasive species sub-committee was discussed and tabled until next meeting.

Old Business:

Item 1: Pilgrim Pipeline was discussed and regard the NYS DEC as the lead agency for the oversight of the pipeline. A letter from CAC to the NYS DEC was also discussed. It was noted that the Town Board had already authored a letter stating the same position.

Item 2: Bristol Beach was discussed. To date one grant has been received and there are two additional grants pending. The grant applications are being handled by a grant writing firm. It was noted that the grant money will be used for the planning and utilization of Bristol Beach.

Item 3: Solarize: Saugerties Mary O'Donnell announced a solarize campaign will begin in March 2016 going through June 2016. Mary also announced there will be solar ambassadors who will open their homes to view the benefits of solar power. Solarize Hudson Valley is currently screening and pre-qualifying solar installation crews and there are (3) three workshops planned starting in March 2016.

Item 4: Power tool recycling was discussed. Ken Benson will begin researching for some methods to recycle these items.

Item 5: Emerald ash borer, Maryann Wrolsen discussed the continued problem of this and the possibility of doing a Power Point Presentation on invasive insects in our area.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Harkavy , second by Ken Benson.