

Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes for November 19, 2015

Present: K. Benson, C. Tienken Sr., C. Tienken Jr., M. Wrolsen, G. Marzec, M. O'Donnell, and S. Guerin,

Absent: R. Gehring, B. Sawchuk, and L. Thornton

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall

The September and October minutes were reviewed. Mary O' Donnell had several corrections to the September minutes. Motion by Ken Benson, seconded by Cliff Tienken Sr. to approve both sets of minutes. Approved by all except Mary Anne Wrolsen who abstained for both, and Mary O'Donnell who abstained for October.

Steve Guerin told Gerry Marzec that he found the July minutes.

New Business:

Pilgrim Pipeline has submitted a proposal to the NYS Thruway Authority. There was some discussion of the proposal. Steve suggested that we review the application. He will check with Supervisor Helmoortel on the Town's position.

Old Business:

Solarize Hudson Valley - Mary stated that there was much support for this program and that volunteers are needed to help distribute the information. Motion by Mary to have the CAC as the contact agency for the Town, seconded by Mary Anne Wrolsen, and all in favor.

Esopus Creek aquatic weeds – The draft letter to the DEC written by M. O'Donnell went to the Town Board. We will check with Leanne Thornton at the next meeting to determine its status.

Hydroelectric plant – There was a discussion of the proposal at the Cantine Dam and details were provided by Mary. The US Dept. of the Interior said they would be opposed to the project if it caused an obstruction to fish and wildlife. It's not likely since it's a small project and not a historic spawning run.

Grant opportunities – Gerry stated that we would not have time to apply for DEC research grants for proposed activities at Bristol Beach since the deadline is imminent and we don't have an agreement for use of the property at this time.

Bristol Beach – Steve stated that the attorneys are looking into the lease that the Palisades Park Commission has for the Town.

Wooly Adelgid – Mary Anne filmed a presentation in Woodstock for TV23, but part was not recorded due to a power outage. The wooly adelgid is an invasive insect that affects Eastern Hemlocks.

Ulster Environmental Management Council – Mary stated that Ulster County is considering a ban on microbeads, which are used in cosmetics and other personal products.

Motion to adjourn Ken, second Cliff Sr., all in favor.

Adjourned at 8:05 pm.