

Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for January 15, 2015

Present: L. Thornton, M. O'Donnell, M. Wrolsen, G. Marzec, B. Sawchuk, S. Guerin, and K. Benson

Absent: C. Tienken, C. Tienken Jr., and J. Barbour

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- M. Wrolsen reported that Spider Barbour is slowly improving and that he plans on returning to the CAC. L. Thornton said that donations were provided by the Comprehensive Planning Committee and the Esopus Creek Conservancy to assist with a new wood stove and smoke pipe set-up. Additional donations are welcome.
- Leeanne provided information sheets on the proposed Pilgrim Pipeline and additional proposed dredging for PCBs in the Hudson River.
 - o 100 people attended an info session regarding the pipeline last week.
 - o A discussion regarding the pipeline ensued. Since we need more information at this time, Leeanne suggested that we put together a letter of interest together for the Town Board. M. O'Donnell made a motion and it was approved by all. She will draft a letter for review by all.
 - o The info on PCBs was just for our information at this time.
- The information that Leeanne previously sent on potentially illegal dumping on the Edward's property in Palenville was also for our information.
- Mary Anne provided the necessary corrections for the September minutes. G. Marzec will revise and post to the web site.
 - o Made a motion to approve the November minutes. All in favor (M. O'Donnell abstained since she was not present for that meeting).
- M. O'Donnell discussed the edits made to the Open Space Brochure. The Land Trust Alliance was added as a source of information. The reader is also directed to Ulster County which has info on all the land trusts in the county.
 - o We will print 200 copies to start. A copy will also be posted on the town's web site and Lighthouse Channel 23.
 - o Mary also suggested that we start setting goals for 2015 with regard to recommendations in the Open Space Plan.
- S. Guerin stated that there was nothing new with Bristol Beach.
 - o The trails at Canoe Hill are being constructed and maintained by the local bike shop. Buildings and Grounds gave them permission.
- B. Sawchuk asked for nomination of a new chairperson and secretary for the CAC.
 - o Mary Anne nominated Mary O'Donnell. Mary gave a brief summary of her experience.
 - o K. Benson nominated Steve Guerin and gave a summary of Steve's experience.
 - o Steve nominated Cliff Tienken Sr. for vice-chair and also gave a brief summary of Cliff's experience.
 - o G. Marzec nominated either Steve or Mary for vice-chair, depending upon who gets the Town Board approval for chair.
 - o Mary nominated Cliff Sr. for recording secretary. Cliff wasn't present to express interest.

- Since no other interest was expressed in the secretary position, Gerry will continue with this task.

As there were no further topics for discussion, our meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.