

Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for June 19th, 2008

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, J. Barbour, M. Wrolsen, S. Thorpe, J. Randall,
E. Shafer, G. Marzec, D. Weeks (CPC)

Absent: A. Weeks

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- L. Thornton spoke about the funding and the time frame for the Open Space Plan.
 - The Town Board approved hiring Behan Associates by a vote of 5 to 0.
 - The Board is very interested in a mining ordinance (e.g. the Town of Claverack has a mining overlay).
 - Dennis Doyle will be asked to provide the County perspective on mining.
 - Behan will meet with each of the Town's committees.
 - Leanne provided a copy to all of an e-mail informing Behan that they have been selected.
- There was a discussion on other funding that may be available.
- The existing subdivision rules date from the 1970s. A question raised regarding the need to update the rules.
- E. Schafer had a question about the use of "floating zones" with regard to mining.
- L. Thornton discussed some aspects of the noise ordinance proposal.
- D. Weeks stated that there are five commercial mines that are currently addressed by NY State. What needs to be addressed are the old quarries that people want to reactivate. Most of these are in residential areas. It may be better to go with a written law as opposed to just using maps.
- The Comprehensive Planning Committee will be addressing the mining issue.
- L. Thornton mentioned that the Town Board discussed a K-12 environmental science program between the Catskill Center and the Saugerties School District. The Town has submitted a grant request that also would include the Esopus Creek Conservancy. The NYS DEC administers these grants.
- L. Thornton also mentioned that there is now (?) a Blue-Way Trail which is a water route from Eve's Point – Malden – Chorvas Park – Turkey Point – Tivoli Bays.
- B. Sawchuk asked the group to consider projects that we need to focus upon and bring these ideas to the next meeting.
- The next meeting is on July 17th, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

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