

## **Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission**

Meeting minutes for Octoberber 16th, 2008

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, , M. Wrolsen, S. Thorpe, J. Randall,  
E. Shafer, G. Marzec, and Melissa Barry (Behan Associates)

Absent: A. Weeks, J. Barbour

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

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- This meeting was the fourth in a series with the Open Space Plan contractor, Behan Associates.
- L. Thornton provided a copy of the minutes for the CPC's meeting on mining.
- S. Thorpe discussed water testing on the Plattekill, the Lucas Kill and the Sawkill.
  - Sandra also stated that the Town is providing water to the house on Manor Rd because of groundwater contamination.
  - Sandra has a DVD copy of the Lower Esopus overflight performed this past April.
- B. Sawchuk stated that there will be a workshop for transferring development rights. He will send out an e-mail with details.
  - Brian asked that G. Marzec send the meeting minutes to Lisa Stanley at the Town hall. M. Barry also asked to be copied on the minutes.
- M. Barry handed out a summary of the public workshop held in September and a revised summary of the open space plan.
- The focus group topics were discussed based upon the results from the workshop. Only three focus group meetings will be held. The CAC reviewed the five original groups in the hand-out and discussed the merits of each.
  - Item #4 pertained to farming and it was felt that the existing farmer's association could best handle these issues.
  - Item # 1 regarding commerce will be handled by members of the community and the CAC.
  - Item #2 regarding open space incorporation into development would best be handled by the CPC and the Plannning Board.
  - Item #3 pertasinig to natural resources will be handled by members of the community and the CAC.
  - Item # 5 regarding recreation will also be handled by members of the community and the CAC.
- Melissa will send out a summary and needs comments from us.
- The recreational focus group will be the first to meet at the next scheduled CAC meeting.
- Melissa asked that we think about identifying stakeholders we need to talk to and who will care about these topics.
- The next meeting is on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ca. 9 pm.