

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

Meeting minutes for February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, J. Barbour, J. Randall, E. Shafer, G. Marzec,  
M. Wrolsen, J. Kane and Melissa Barry (Behan Associates), also present  
Dan Weeks and B. Benepe

Absent: S. Thorpe

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

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- The discussion of the events of the workshop with the major landowners in the Town that preceded this meeting was tabled until the next CAC meeting so that the Important Natural Areas draft could be discussed.
- M. Barry went over the Important Natural Areas draft section of the Open Space Plan with the group.
  - Catskills – lengthy discussion of rattlesnake habitat.
  - Vly/Sawyerkill
  - Limestone/Shale ridges
  - Kaaterskill
  - Beaverkill
  - Appalachian Oak-hickory forest in SE corner of Town
- Melissa asked that the group review the draft section and provide comments by the next meeting.
- Melissa also asked for photos for the report.
- There was a discussion on the incorporation of the Biodiversity Assessment into the Open Space Plan.
- There was a discussion on landmarks, open spaces, the scenic byway loop, trails, bike routes, and road improvements.
  - Melissa presented a draft map with “blobs” shading areas of interest.
  - The group was asked to think of ways of moving this map along for the next meeting.
- In other business, J. Randall mentioned that at the recent Winston Farm presentation, the Historical Preservation Committee, the CPC and the CAC were not involved in the planning of the potential development. He stated that there was a need for representation of these groups in the planning of this potential development.
- The next meeting will be on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 at the Town Hall.

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