

## Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

### Minutes

February 20, 2014

7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Brian Sawchuk, Steve Guerin, Mary O'Donnell, Josh Randall, Leeanne Thornton, Mary Anne Wrolsen.

**ABSENT:** Spider Barbour, Gerry Marzec, Cliff Tienken.

#### **MINUTES APPROVED**

The minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting were approved with the suggested changes.

#### **CAC ENABLING LEGISLATION**

Copies of Local Law 2 of 1972 establishing this commission were distributed.

#### **BIODIVERSITY COURSE**

Mary Anne asked who is interested in participating in the upcoming course to help local leaders learn tools for identifying important natural areas and habitats, and to develop strategies to prioritize and conserve those resources during the planning process. It was stated that once a group of five to ten participants was interested in participating, someone from the program would meet with the group, answer any questions and schedule days and times for the six-month sessions that begin in April. Registration deadline is March 3.

#### **WOODS IN YOUR BACKYARD WEBINAR**

Leeanne distributed information about a webinar called, *The Woods in your Backyard*, a series of evening webcasts to learn how to create and enhance natural areas around one's home, plus a half-day field trip. Registration is online at [dur.cornell.edu/ext/pwt/bio](http://dur.cornell.edu/ext/pwt/bio), and the deadline is March 14. The cost is \$20.

#### **GLASCO TURNPIKE BRIDGE CLOSURE**

Leeanne also explained that a part of the Glasco Turnpike Bridge fell off causing the bridge closure with its anticipated re-opening in October 2014.

#### **BARTON and LOGUIDICE**

Glenn Gildaly from the firm, Barton and Loguidice, informed the Town Board that his firm is available to provide services to obtain grant monies for projects.

#### **HUDSON PROJECT**

A three-day Hudson Project Music and Arts Festival to include rock, hip-hop, indie, electronic, and jam bands is planned for July 11-13 at the Winston Farm property. Attendance of 20,000 to 30,000 is expected. Shuttle buses will be provided to transport attendees into the village. Traffic into the town will be exited off the NYS Thruway at Exit 19 and Exit 21 to minimize traffic impact on the town and village.

#### **ULSTER COUNTY SEED BANK**

Seedlings of trees and bushes will be available through a program sponsored by Ulster County.

#### **AGENDAS**

Josh recommended that an agenda be prepared for commission meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Submitted by:  
Mary O'Donnell*

*Approved:  
March 20, 2014*