

Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for October 21st, 2010

Present: Sandra Thorpe; Josh Randall; Mary Anne Wrolsen; Elizabeth Shafer; Brian Sawchuk, Chairperson; Leeanne Thornton, Town Board Liaison; G. Marzec; J. Barbour; Alvie Weeks, Building Inspector

Absent: None

Convened: 7:10 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- L. Thornton provided copies of the final draft of the Water Resources Protection dated September 21, 2010. The Comprehensive Planning Commission requested that the CAC review the document and provide comments. Most of the time for this meeting was spent reviewing this document:
 - o Section 6.20.1.2. – Is the village included in Item #12 regarding wetlands protection?
 - o Section 6.20.1.3 – How do we determine impact? It was suggested that the wording be changed in Item #1 from “...which impact and Water Resource...” to “...could potentially impact any Water Resource...”
 - o Section 6.20.1.5 – Item #1 states that registered mail should be used for notice of application. This was changed to certified – return receipt requested.
 - Item #6 – Consultants shall be selected by competitive bid.
 - o Section 6.20.1.9 – The CAC felt that this should be an iterative process whereby a waiver of requirements is referred back to the CAC for review before the waiver is granted.
 - Item #2 – Remove this item regarding waiving referrals to outside agencies.
 - Item #4, Remove “...or Zoning Administrator...”
 - Remove “...file the same with the Building Department.”
 - o Section 6.20.2. The definition of groundwater is all-inclusive, but the occurrence of groundwater in oases and permafrost in our region was questioned.
 - Watercourse definition – Change Item #1 to read “...on the most current edition of the USGS topo maps of the town.”
 - Item #2 should read “Other streams, brooks and...”
 - Item #3 – Add an “s” after pond.
 - Wetland definition – Item #3 – change “on-sight assessment” to “on-site assessment”.
 - o All members of the CAC were impressed with the progress made since the first draft of this document!
- Leanne stated that the proposed budget for the CAC for next fiscal year was \$5K.
- J. Randall and E. Shafer suggested that pamphlets of educational material be made and provided to the public as part of the implementation of the Open Space Plan.

- Leanne stated that the Town Board passed a motion to allow the town to apply for a grant from the NYS Office of Parks and Historical Preservation for the creation of trails near Cantine Field.
- G. Marzec requested approval of the minutes from the August 2010 meeting. CAC meeting. J. Randall made a motion to approve. It was seconded and approved by all.

There being no further business, our meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.