

Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for April 16th, 2009

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

Absent: E. Shafer,

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- S. Thorpe brought up a few items on the Lower Esopus.
- The minutes for January, February and March were approved by all.
- M. Barry proceeded with an agenda for the continuing work on the Open Space Plan.
 - A NYSDEC map of the endangered rattlesnake area along the Catskill Escarpment included developed land and farms in the area.
 - We held a discussion on publicity for the upcoming public meeting on the Plan.
 - Melissa provided a flier for the meeting.
 - The meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 7:00, with an open house at 6:30 at the Senior Center.
 - The format will be similar to the last public meeting with break-out groups and maps. Some CAC members may be needed to help out.
 - Melissa previewed a draft of the presentation and we provided suggestions.
 - The top ten goals and strategies of the Plan were discussed. Melissa provided an updated copy of the goals.
 - Keep the term "Open Space" as the designation for the Plan.
 - Goals 1 and 8 are now combined.
 - Switch goals 2 and 3.
 - Goal 2 – "term" easements are an option. This refers to an easement with a designated term of 10 or 15 years.
 - Goal 6 – the financing mechanism is important (e.g. bonds, real estate transfer fee, etc.).

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