

Conservation Advisory Commission May 18, 2017 Minutes

Attending: Mike Harkavy, Skip Arthur, Cliff Tienken Sr., Cliff Tienken Jr., Mary O'Donnell, Ken Benson, Maryanne Wrolsen, Steve Guerin, Leeanne Thornton

Meeting was called to order at 7:05

Pledge

Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Planning Board- Maryann- no report

Waterfront Advisory committee- Cliff- Dock space on the lower creek was discussed as it relates to 1 1992 paper concerning the Stan O'Dell property on Ferry St. Number of docks allotted to space in question- attorney is involved.

New Business:

Grants- Steve reported that the public informational meeting that was held in March puts us in good position to apply for additional grant funding. Open grant money still exists. Steve will contact B & DEC - time for in kind service to begin, perhaps labor to clear underbrush etc. Can Winston Farm donated money be used as a match? A discussion followed concerning the Hudson river corridor as an "open door"- show case communities etc. Mary reported on the Hudson River Estuary grants program due July 12.

- 1) Stewardship grant up to \$450,000 for planning, visibility study design, watershed management planning.
- 2) Access grant \$220,000 to fund construction of physical improvements, parking, pathways

Motion was made by Mary to ask the town to pursue this grant funding. Steve reported that DEC sets the criteria and that we have no preexisting access to the site. He will contact B & L for clarification on the grants that were discussed. We expect a written report from B & L in June. It was decided to plan another fall public program perhaps in Oct. Leeanne will set date for building use.

We discussed connecting with Doug M. to see about what kind of clearing or construction could be started on the BB site. The more in kind service Steve felt we did, the more we could be reimbursed if ownership changes.

Old Business: Tick presentation in April- Skip reported that over 50 people attended. Stacy did a great program presentation with much positive feedback from those who attended. Cliff T. reported that a new tick study showed 10% die and 50% suffer from brain disease.

Leeanne reported on a meeting held with Geronimo Energy company. They met with town officials on May 18 to discuss plans for the former brickyard site on Churchland Lane. The proposal is a large scale solar project that would generate enough energy to support 4,000 homes.

The Town/Village Comprehensive Plan books were distributed to members who did not have a copy.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully Submitted: Leeanne Thornton