

Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for October 15, 2015

Present: C. Tienken Sr., C. Tienken Jr., M. Wrolsen, G. Marzec, S. Guerin, and L. Thornton

Absent: K. Benson, R. Gehring, M. O'Donnell, and B. Sawchuk

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall

G. Marzec stated that he did not complete the September minutes before this meeting.

Old Business:

Esopus Creek aquatic weeds – The draft letter to the DEC written by M. O'Donnell was approved on a motion by C. Tienken Sr., seconded by M. Wrolsen and by all present.

Solarize Hudson Valley presentation – Mary Anne recorded the event. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of solar power, as well as discussion on the need for the Town to inform people.

There was a motion by Mary Anne to suggest to the Town Board that Saugerties become a Solarize Hudson Valley participant. Seconded by G. Marzec and approved by all.

Grant opportunities – Vern Benjamin stated that we don't have streams that qualify for the restoration grants from NYSDEC.

Gerry stated that the grant deadline was today.

Cliff Sr. stated that the County storm water task force knows the location of culverts in the local streams and may be a good source of info in the future.

Canoe Hill trail issue – Steve said that the letter to Supv. Helmsmoortel needs to be reconstructed. The Supervisor is aware of the issue.

A discussion of in-kind services followed.

Bristol Beach – A meeting was held with a representative from the Palisades Park Commission, NYS Sen. Amedore, NYS Assemblyman Lopez, Saugerties Supv. Helmsmoortel, Cliff Sr. and Steve.

The Palisades Commission is not against the Town getting the property.

The transfer would need the approval of both the NYS and NJ legislatures.

Saugerties may be able to lease the land from the Commission for \$1 per year.

The Palisades Commission is moving equipment in to clean up the property (former brown fields).

New Business:

Additional grant opportunities – S. Guerin suggested that these grants be discussed when M. O'Donnell attends the next time.

Motion to adjourn Mary Anne, second Gerry, all in favor.