

Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for April 16, 2015

Present: L. Thornton, C. Tienken Sr., M. O'Donnell, M. Wrolsen, C. Tienken Jr., Robert Gehring, B. Sawchuk, S. Guerin, and K. Benson

Absent: G. Marzec

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall

-The February minutes were approved on a motion by Mary Anne and seconded by Ken. All in favor.

-The March minutes were approved on a motion by Ken and seconded by Cliff Sr. All in favor.

- New Business:

Steven mentioned the Woods in Your Backyard Program. Cornell has/had a program, and he will see if there is still something available for the Saugerties Community

- Old Business:

Bristol Beach-Leeanne spoke with Pete Lopez. We will continue to pursue.

Mary attended the Hudson River Estuary Conference. Information regarding grants is now available online. Vernon Benjamin is reviewing the grant process.

Mary Anne taped the Village meeting regarding the fence law.

Leeanne provided updates on the Town Board meeting:

Mary stated that the county passed a ban on the use of Styrofoam containers by food establishments with some exclusions and exemptions.

The General Electric resolution on dredging was tabled till next meeting.

The dredging of the lower Esopus Creek has a Sept. 1 start date.

The stream walk for clearing debris may be accomplished with assistance from Troop 31 of the Boy Scouts. Ken will have updates in the future.

-Conservation Easements:

Mary Anne will see if Scenic Hudson will do a program for community.

Mary will pursue Mr. McKeon (Red Hook) to see if he will speak.

Mary stated that open space is valuable asset to community.

Cliff Jr. stated that open space may negatively impact community growth and that open space may be self serving (to the owner's benefit). He will pursue additional information prior to agreeing on a community presentation.

-TV 23 - Steve will continue to pursue. TBD

- CAC Stationery

Mary to develop stationery. She showed the commission a draft product. She will clean up the draft and send a PDF file to Supervisor's Office. Motion to approve Mary/ 2nd Ken, Cliff Jr.

-Workshops

Mary stated that there will be an introductory workshop about CACs for Greene and Columbia counties in Catskill on May 21 from 6 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in partnership with Green Land Trust, Columbia Land Conservancy and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

-Cell Towers

Brian-CAC should be involved in Town Tower Placement due to Scenic Views. Planning Board Meeting on April 21 @ 7:30pm on Mt. Marion Tower.

Motion to adjourn 8:10pm by Mary and seconded by Ken. Approved by all.