

# **Town of Saugerties**

## **Conservation Advisory Commission**

Meeting minutes for July 19, 2014

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, M. Wrolsen, C. Tienken, G. Marzec, M. O'Donnell, S. Guerin, J. Barbour and K. Benson

Absent: None

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

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- The minutes for the June CAC meeting were approved by all after a motion was made and seconded.
- CAC Members
  - o B. Sawchuk stated that two members of the Town Board asked him to make recommendations for the 9<sup>th</sup> and final member of the Commission.
  - o The CAC can make recommendations to the Town Board, who then vote on approval of the candidate.
  - o At present, there is only one letter of interest from Cliff Tienken Jr. (son of current member, Cliff). There was some discussion of the pros and cons of two family members on a committee, and also a discussion about one person being on two committees.
  - o S. Guerin made a motion to recommend Cliff to the Town Board. K. Benson seconded. Three in favor – Steve, Cliff and Ken; three opposed – Mary Anne, Mary and Spider; and one abstained – Gerry. Since there was a tie, Brian voted as chairman in favor of recommending Cliff Tienken.
  - o There was also some discussion of the terms of each member. Earlier in the year, the CAC recommended alternating terms for its members so that there would be continuity in the event of vacancies. G. Marzec reviewed the 3 yr., 2 yr., and 1 yr. appointments. Ken is filling the remainder of Josh Randall's term which runs through 2015. Cliff Tienken Jr. is filling the position vacated by Elizabeth Shafer which has a 1 year term.
  - o Steve asked that L. Thornton look into the process of appointing new members. Leeanne will check with the Association of Towns on this procedure.
  - o Mary asked that Josh Randall's name be removed from the town's web site.
- Esopus Turbidity Issue
  - o M. O'Donnell submitted comments on the NYSDEC's scoping document for the Esopus Creek turbidity issue. G. Marzec recused himself from inclusion in the comment letter because of a potential conflict of interest.
  - o Mary submitted the comments before the deadline was extended until August 22, 2014.
  - o M. Wrolsen recorded the public meeting on this topic for TV23.
  - o Leeanne stated that there will be a meeting among the supervisors of towns along the Esopus and a representative from Representative C. Gibson's office to discuss potential actions.
    - Leeanne also provided a form that can be used by interested individuals to provide their positions on the issue.
- Town Web Site
  - o Mary asked that Ken's name be added to the list of CAC members on the site.

- Gerry stated that he sent the CAC minutes for January, March and May of 2014 to Mike Campbell to include on the site. February is already on the site, and there was a joint meeting with the Comprehensive Planning Committee in April, so separate CAC minutes were not taken.
- Open Space Plan
  - Brian asked that we review the Plan and pick out a few items that the Boy Scouts may be able to assist in implementing. They have expressed interest in helping.
  - Leeanne reminded the CAC that J. Randall had completed the third information brochure. Brian offered to retrieve it from Josh's computer.
- Noise Ordinance
  - Attorney John Greco has drafted a proposed noise ordinance that will be the subject of an informational meeting on August 14, 2014 at the Senior Center.
  - There was some discussion of the merits and disadvantages of such an ordinance.
  - Noise issues at the recent Winston Farm concert were apparently addressed right away. There was a private party responsible for the late night music, not the promoter.
- Miscellaneous
  - There was a brief discussion about fences, height limits, and complaints received from an individual.

As there were no further topics for discussion, our meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.