

## **Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission**

Meeting minutes for June 18, 2015

Present: L. Thornton, C. Tienken Sr., M. O'Donnell, M. Wrolsen, G. Marzec, R. Gehring, S. Guerin, and K. Benson

Absent: C. Tienken Jr., and B. Sawchuk,

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall

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-The April minutes were reviewed. M. O'Donnell had several additions and edits that will be addressed. They were approved on a motion by Steve and seconded by Ken. All in favor.

-The May minutes were also the subject of revisions. Mary will send her edits to G. Marzec for inclusion and review at the next meeting.

- New Business:

-C. Tienken Sr. stated that ticks have become a severe problem and that we need to do something to reduce their numbers. He suggested the possibility of aerial spraying. There was some discussion of the potential impacts of such actions. Steve suggested that Cliff look into possible actions and recommended that he include B. Sawchuk to help research the topic.

- Mary provided an update from the last Ulster County Environmental Management Council meeting she attended:

- The County supports Solarize Hudson Valley, which is a regional campaign to make it easier and more affordable for households and small businesses to go solar. The Town may want to inform its citizens that this program is available. Mary also stated that speakers are available to give local presentations.
- The Town of Ulster is looking into installing a solar system at the old landfill.
- The County was recognized by the National Association of Counties for its efforts to reduce the carbon footprint at the local government level.

- Since there was discussion of open space inventory at the last meeting, Mary looked into the Open Space Plan and found that there is an inclusive list of open space within the plan.

- G. Marzec provide a summary of Columbia and Greene County's CAC workshop that was held in Catskill in May. M. Wrolsen also attended. There were many informational resources provided and Steve asked that the link to these be sent out to all CAC members.

- M. Wrolsen discussed some updates on invasive species:

- There are new NYSDEC maps for restrictions on moving firewood.
- NYCDEP is removing ash trees along Route 28 near the Ashokan Reservoir.
- NYSDEC has grants for assisting municipalities in dealing with Emerald Ash Borers.

- K. Benson spoke to the Boy Scout troupe leader and said that they are busy for the summer – it may be September before they can assist with projects. Ken and Steve will get a letter together to request their assistance.

- Cliff Sr. called NYS Assemblyman Pete Lopez's office regarding Bristol Beach but hasn't received a call back.

- Leeanne stated that the Pilgrim Pipeline meeting with the public was canceled since they were only going to send a public relations person. The Town Board held a vote of no confidence in the Pilgrim Pipeline Co. for the way they mishandled community relations.

Motion to adjourn by Ken and seconded by Cliff Sr. Approved by all.