

Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission
Minutes of August 15, 2013 Meeting
Town Hall Conference Room
7:00 p.m.

Present:

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Leeanne Thornton 845.246.5652

Absent: Gerry Marzec, Brian Sawchuk

Guest: Martha Randall

Steve Guerin called the meeting to order.

SCENIC BY-WAY

Josh asked for committee reconsideration of his request presented at the July meeting to add the Platte Clove/Manorville Road section in Saugerties to the scenic by-way connecting it to Greene County. He noted that given its scenic value connecting this section was part of the planning concepts included in the Open Space Plan. The committee approved.

MS-4 PROGRAM/ September 19 Meeting

Steve requested that the September 19 meeting start at 6:30 p.m. to allow for a presentation on the MS-4 Program. The committee approved.

BRISTOL BEACH

Leeanne provided a copy of Supervisor Kelly Myers' letter to Assemblyman Lopez and Senator Tkaczyk requesting a meeting be scheduled in late September or early October with interested stakeholders to explore the town and CAC's interest in having the town re-acquire Bristol Beach.

LOWERING WATER LEVEL OF ESOPUS CREEK

Mary questioned whether the Esopus Creek would be lowered next week. It is rumored that it will be lowered in connection with the intent to explore creating hydro power for Diamond Mills. She asked how much it would be lowered and what agency has oversight. Leeanne said she was unaware of any notification. She said she would check with Village Clerk Mary Frank to find out, and residents could be notified via the town Web site and Channel 23. Spider expressed an interest in knowing when the creek is lowered in order to investigate plant life in the lower Esopus.

WATER METERS

Responding to residents' concerns about possible harmful radiation emissions from the water meters installed in the Glasco Water District, Leeanne reported that a letter in the newspaper gave incorrect information. She explained that Councilman Bruno clarified the issue at the August 14 Town Board meeting and was responding in a letter to the newspaper. Steve pointed out that emission was less than what is emitted from a cell phone

TRAILS GRANT

Leeanne informed the committee that the town will receive a \$245,000 grant to create trails in the Canoe Road area. The grant has a 40% in-kind service match.

ELECTRIC DAISY CARNIVAL

Leeanne reported that an events company made a proposal to the Town Board at its August 14 meeting to offer an Electric Daisy Carnival for three days at Winston Farm on Memorial Day 2014 which is expected to draw 75,000 attendees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by: Mary O'Donnell