

TOWN OF MARILLA  
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 5, 2010

I. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:58 PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Jim Hopper, Pat Blarr, Debbie Beats

Absent: Jim Heinrich

II. Approval of Minutes

Roger asked if all members had the chance to review minutes from December. A copy was available if needed to review. Debbie moved and Jim seconded to accept the December minutes as written.

AYES: 4      NAYES: 0      MOTION: Carried

Roger explained that Bud Pearce and Dan Williams are no longer members due to the expiration of their terms as of 12/31/09. Roger thanked Bud and Dan for their time. Bud was a member for a few years and his input was valuable. Three applicants will be reviewed by the Town Board. New liaison from Town Board is Don Darrow.

III. Reports from Members

- WNY Land Conservancy ó Roger explained this entity to Deb and Jim. WNYLC has a website if would like more information. It is time for our annual membership. WNYLC asks for \$100 for membership. Because WNYLC is part of the Trust for PACE CAB agrees that it is important for CAB to continue membership. Also, CAB has a budget to support this. Roger moved and Jim seconded to renew membership.

AYES: 4      NAYES: 0      MOTION: Carried

- Buffalo/Niagara Riverkeepers Workshop ó Saturday, January 16, 2010; 9:30 am-12 noon at the Marilla Community Center. Let Roger know as soon as possible if able to attend. Website: [bnriverkeepers.org](http://bnriverkeepers.org). Can complete a survey at this website for this workshop.
- PACE 2010 ó Roger informed that Supervisor Gertz attended a Farmland Protection Seminar in Geneva. George gave a 15 min speech regarding our participation in the PACE program. NYS not funding PACE this year. George recommended to Roger that CAB should not work on PACE this year. Deb asked if we should notify our PACE applicants from 2009 that PACE is not available for the 2010 year. Roger agreed that we should. Deb volunteered to notify the Fossø. After Recycling goal is reached, CAB would like to concentrate on the PACE Portfolio and complete that goal.

IV. Unfinished Business

- Town Recycling ó Deb printed the recycling page from the Town website. It contains much detailed information regarding our town-wide recycling. Pat voiced concern that maybe many residents do not visit the site and, therefore, aren't aware of this recycling page. Roger started writing a mailing that could be sent to all residents with this information.

Roger discovered the NYS DEC website that has grants for recycling. The DEC will match funds for a grant at 50%. Recycling bins are eligible under this grant. Also education and community outreach are eligible, as well. Roger will follow-up with Sanitation Superintendent and the Town Board about pursuing this. A pre-application can be completed online for officially applying for such a grant. Discussed recycling statistics. Roger thinks that by putting statistics in a CAB mailing will catch residents' attention. Especially our own town's statistics. Deb found a website for grants for environmentally conscious projects. Grants.gov and azcommerce.com/busasst/incentives. Discussion ensued regarding more details for a possible recycling mass mailing. Suggested that all members work on their own contribution to this mass mailing and bring contribution to next meeting to combine with others' OR email contribution to all members Before next meeting. Deb also found a "Local Recycling Coordinators" listing with phone numbers and printed that to show to CAB members. Roger might try to call one or two. Deb suggested that the mailing could be sent at the same time as Earth Day or another similarly designated day. Deb went upstairs for copies of December's town-wide mailing with general town information to use as a resource for CAB's mass mailing. Need to decide format of mailing and size. Three-folded brochure vs. four-folded brochure vs. whole sheet 8 1/2" x 11". Roger reminded all that recycled paper must be used for this mailing. Deb suggested that we could use young people's suggestions. Especially things they have learned in school. Roger suggested a photo from the town could be included. Jim suggested a photo of the town park.

IV. Adjournment

Roger requested a motion to adjourn. Pat moved and Jim seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm.

AYES: 4      NAYES: 0      MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr  
CAB Clerk