

CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: January 5, 2012

I. Call to Order

Roger called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Members Present: Deb Lerner, Lisa Wojcik, Fran Osborne, Marian Prezyna, Roger Gustavel
Debbie Beats and Jim Hopper.

Town board liaison: Don Darrow

II. Approval of Minutes

The draft of December's minutes had been sent out online and received numerous suggested revisions and additions and were not yet compiled and finalized. Deb Lerner offered to revise and complete the December minutes and submit them for approval at the next meeting. Roger made a motion to have Deb Lerner complete the minutes for December. Fran seconded.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried **Next Meeting: Thursday February 2, 2012**

III. Member Reports

Roger Gustavel – The Chairman and Clerk positions are now open for election. Roger has been Chairman of the CAB for five years and wanted to know if anyone else was interested in becoming Chairman. Responsibilities include: Liaison with the Town Board, gather the CAB's ideas and keep them in line with the Town Board's expectations of the CAB, prepare meeting Agendas, open the Town Hall for the monthly meetings. The CAB Clerk position is also up for renewal. This person can be either a member or non-member of the CAB.

Don Darrow – the Town Board will automatically accept the CAB's elected Chairman, Co-Chairman and Clerk.

Roger nominated Deb Lerner for the Clerk position; seconded. A vote was held.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 ELECTED: Deb Lerner as CAB Clerk

Deb Lerner nominated Jim Hopper for the Chairman position; seconded. A vote was held.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 ELECTED: Jim Hopper as CAB Chairman

Roger nominated Lisa Wojcik for the Co-Chairman position; seconded. A vote was held.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 ELECTED: Lisa Wojcik as CAB Co-Chairman

Roger Gustavel – Town Hall improvements are complete. There are now available for the CAB's use, a copy machine in the hallway, coffee machine, and file cabinets. There will be a ceiling-mounted projector and screen in the meeting room. Supervisor Gertz has asked Roger to choose which maps we want up on the walls. Suggested maps: zoning, wetlands, flood plains, water districts.

IV. Old Business

Flag Lots – Debbie Beats reviewed the responses from the Town Survey. Of the 403 respondents that were asked how they felt about having additional restrictions on Flag Lots, 193 thought that it was "Very Important", 60 respondents thought that it was "Important". This represents 63% of the respondents who want additional Flag Lot restrictions.

Subdivisions - Responses from the Town Survey showed that of the 403 respondents that were asked if they wanted Marilla to allow more subdivisions, (57%) 230 responded “No”, and only 30 said “Yes”.

Don Darrow would like the CAB members to specify any corrections and recommendations for the current proposed Flag Lot Code:

- 1) Correction to Proposed A.(6) (a): All private driveways should be located *a minimum of* 5 feet from the property line. VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- 2) Only one flag lot may be allowed to be created from any individual parcel of land. VOTE: AYE: 4 NO: 2
- 3) Any dwelling or property directly in front of the proposed flag lot shall be owned by the applicant of proposed flag lot. If that property is not owned by applicant, a signed and notarized letter of approval from property owner must be provided to the town hall with the flag lot application. VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- 4) A site drainage plan must be provided prior to the creation of a Flag Lot. VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- 5) Proposed A.(6)(c): Any private driveway that is more than 300 feet in length must contain a turnaround of sufficient size to accommodate fire trucks, ambulances, and other emergency vehicles. VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- 6) Any residence built on a flag lot must have a sprinkler system. VOTE: AYE: 2 NO: 4
- 7) Application for a flag lot must be conditioned upon reasonable proximity to a water source for new construction of a dwelling. In the event of fire, water would have to be available, either by a (to be) determined distance to a HYDRANT, or household sprinkler system, if located in a current water district; or proximity to a water source for those applications outside of an EXISTING water district. VOTE: AYE: 3 NO: 3
- 8) No flag lot shall be no placed behind another flag lot. VOTE: UNANIMOUS
- 9) The CAB Members would prefer NOT to allow Flag Lots at all. VOTE: UNANIMOUS

Jim Hopper suggested that we find a way to educate the townspeople about the issues in our town. Perhaps we should have a public referendum with the Press present.

Deb Lerner suggested that we have a Public Education Day just for Flag Lots prior to any public referendums.

CAB Logo – Lisa is currently checking the logo and trademark website to ensure that there are no copyright issues. Lisa would like to put this on hold while she works on her dissertation for school.

V. New Business

Community Education Day - suggested date: around Earth Day, April 22, Sunday

- 1) Speakers: Marian has begun to contact potential speakers from CCE, NRCS, Buffalo Museum of Science. She also has connections to the Erie County Soil & Water Dept., Reinstein Woods, and Gardening experts, but would need to know our budget if we are to have a paid speaker. Will we pay honorariums, expenses?
- 2) Timing would be better for doing this February of next year if we want paid speakers.
- 3) Advertising – Marilla website, signs, Marilla newsletter, Master Gardener’s or the speaker’s own websites.
- 4) We should reserve the Community Center location as soon as possible.
- 5) Debbie Beats has agreed to do a Food Preservation presentation.
- 6) Will this be open to only Marilla residents or open to all the public?

- 7) Admission? How much?
- 8) Ink Jet Recycling fundraiser
- 9) NYSERDA Community Outreach programs, FlexTech Energy Program (PON 1746), the tier anaerobic digester gas to electricity program (PON 2276).
- 10) NY Energy SmartSM Communities
- 11) Energy Conservation
- 12) Green building codes
- 13) Flex audits (shows a farms energy efficiency)
- 14) Promotion of green pesticides
- 15) PACE future availability
- 16) Research grants available for recycling
- 17) Local Burn Laws
- 18) Composting
- 19) Container Gardening
- 20) Organic Gardening

VI. Adjournment: Deb Lerner made a motion to adjourn. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm. AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Lerner