

TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 4, 2008

1. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:47PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Joe Lankes, Jay Walkowiak, Dave Coder, Bud Pearce
Fred Specht, Town Board Rep., Highway Superintendent Ron Unverdorben.

2. Approval of Minutes – Roger motioned to accept the November minutes as written. Jay seconded the motion to accept the November minutes.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

3. Reports from Members

- Roger reported that the CAB's membership with the Western NY Land Conservancy was due for renewal. He asked if anyone had any objections to renewing the membership for \$75.00 which will come out of the CAB budget. No objections were voiced.
- Dave Coder stated that he would continue to work on mapping the proposed walking path at the town park despite his intentions to resign from the CAB.
- Roger asked Highway Superintendent Ron Unverdorben for some comments on the town's recycling program. Ron answered board members questions about the town's recycling efforts and discussed what if anything could be changed or added to the program. Roger suggested that possibly the CAB become involved in recycling programs or at least in helping to publicize the money saving benefits and the importance of recycling for the environment in the town newsletter and web site.
- Roger reminded CAB members whose terms are ending on 12/31/08 to submit a letter with their intentions.
- Roger informed the CAB members that he had contacted Mrs. Dale Foss recently to acknowledge the town's receipt of their letter stating the Foss's desire to place a parcel of 55 acres on Williston Rd. into the PACE program for 2009.
- Fred Specht informed members that Ron Unverdorben had obtained "No Trespassing" signs for the parking lot of the Community Center due to youths playing hockey there.
- Fred also informed members that the Town Board had received and discussed the CAB's letter requesting the year round opening of the Town Park. He stated that the town attorney and insurance company both advised against doing so due to liability. He did state that the Town Board and Park Superintendent may be open to having the park open based on the weather in Fall and Spring rather than a specific date.
- Ron informed CAB that one nature path in the park has been completed by the Boy Scout.
- Joe Lankes reported that he had attended a Public Hearing at town in which a possible Senior Housing project at Two Rod Rd. and Clinton St. (Roll Property) was the topic. He told of the concerns that were voiced at the meeting. The members discussed Senior

Housing and how the Marilla Planning Board is currently working on the wording and meaning of “Senior Housing”

Fred Specht left the meeting at 7:25PM.

- Roger Gustavel stated that the CAB should make a list of their accomplishments for the 2008 year. Members discussed what they felt like was accomplished and listed the following.
 1. Participation in AG Days
 2. Worked on designing “Right to Farm” signs for the town.
 3. Recommended a Town Park walking path to the Town Board. Worked on planning such a path along with Superintendent Ron Unverdorben.
 4. Coordinated a new nature trail with Boy Scouts.
 5. Worked on creating a PACE portfolio for the town to present to interested candidates and the general public.
 6. Maintain a presence at Town Board meetings.
 7. Begin work on town recycling promotion.

Old Business

- The members discussed ideas that each brought with them regarding the PACE portfolio. CAB Secretary Pat Blarr had provided an outline to work with along with printouts of the presentation that was used at the Crystal Springs Farm PACE Ceremony in 2/09. This will be continued at next meeting.

5. **Adjournment**

- Joe moved to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Gustavel
CAB Chairman