

**TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

*****DRAFT*** MEETING MINUTES ***DRAFT*****

DATE: October 2, 2007

1. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Joe Lankes; Warren Cullen Sr., Jim Heinrich, Pat Blarr

Town Council Rep Present: Fred Specht

2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Heinrich moved and Roger Gustavel seconded the approval of minutes from the CAB meeting held on September 4, 2007.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

3. Reports from Officers and Members

- Public Hearings to be held on October 11 regarding the Peters New Building and a flag lot on Williston.
- Regarding Ag Days – Roger thanked Joe and Dave for all of their help and effort. Discussed that over the winter meetings CAB can possibly make preliminary plans for next year's Ag Days and approach the Town Board with those plans. The citizens showed an initial interest in our CAB presentation; however, none were actively farming their property at this time.
- Regarding Jason Engel – he will submit a proposal to the Town Board for his services for the year 2008. CAB decided to wait for a copy of that proposal from Fred Specht before any decisions are made regarding CAB's utilization of Jason's services..
- Regarding Foss property in PACE program – the current status is the property in the fund transfer portion of the process. Roger informed CAB that Jason Engel mentioned to him that there may be a ceremony with Ag & Mkts when the property closes.
- Regarding Stonewall Acres PACE update – Roger informed CAB that Jason Engel informed Roger that he is still in contact with the State Ag & Markets.
- Regarding Town Park Path (Phase I) – Town Board has had no discussion. The cost of the path will be determined by the Highway Department and reported to the Town Board.

4. Unfinished Business

Fred informed CAB that the next town meeting on October 16th will be another budget meeting. The town has budgeted \$4000 for CAB. Fred asked CAB if that was enough for the year.

At 7:24 pm Fred excused himself from the meeting to get the budget paperwork for CAB to review.

AT 7:30 pm Fred returned.

Fred informed CAB that consultants' fees for PACE are NOT included in the CAB budget. CAB discussed the membership fees we must pay (EX: Western New York Land Conservancy - \$75) etc. CAB discussed material costs to have a presence at AG Days. It was decided that Fred would submit a tentative amount of \$7000 for the 2008 CAB budget. Fred will let us know if the Town Board makes changes to this amount.

Regarding Town Park Master Plan – No discussion and no action taken.

5. New Business

- Regarding November Meeting change – it was decided to move the original November meeting date to **October 30** because the November date is election day.
- CAB discussed the possibility of creating an annual report to present to the Town Board of all of the tasks and accomplishments that CAB performed in 2007. Roger would like to work on this report at the **OCTOBER 30th** meeting.
- CAB discussed the possibility of members taking roadside photos of PACE properties. CAB would like to add these photos to maps of Marilla and to use on Ag Days.

6. Adjournment

Warren Cullen moved and Roger Gustavel seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 pm.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk