

TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 1, 2009

I. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:48PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Dan Williams, Jim Hopper, Bud Pearce, Pat Blarr
Absent: Debbie Beats, Jim Heinrich

II. Approval of Minutes

Roger asked if all members had the chance to review minutes from November. A copy was available if needed to review. Jim Hopper moved and Bud Pearce seconded to accept the October minutes with changes in red made by Jim Heinrich.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

III. Reports from Members

- CAB member term status ó needs to be researched by town clerk. It is unknown which new member replaced which past member and that effects the term expiration date. Roger reminded members whose terms expires 12/31/2009 that a letter of interest needs to be written to the Town Board if you are interested in continuing.
- CAB Annual Report for 2009 and Goals for 2010 ó Discussion ensued. Clerk Pat Blarr will type out finalized reports and email them to town clerk to present to next town board meeting.
- Recycling ó because recycling was discussed in above item, this topic was discussed for a short time. Dan Williams got following information from a worker in W. Seneca: the town/CAB should investigate state grant to pay for recycling bins. Possible mass mailing regarding details of town recycling could be included in town-wide newsletter depending upon amount of information gathered. Again, plastic is not worth recycling. If town were to collect household batteries CAB would need to research where these batteries would be recycled.

7:23 pm Don Darrow, newly elected town board member, arrived

- Roger welcomed Don and thanked him for attending. Introductions were made. Reason for attending: to become familiar with CAB and the issues CAB has been working on.
- Recycling contød ó Jim Hopper explained how E. Aurora collects leaves. Roger asked that CAB continue recycling topic later in meeting.
- Pat Blarr moved to have Jim Hopper's town park phase I activity path map hung in the town hall and Bud Pearce seconded.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Pat Blarr will email this request to town clerk.

- Roger read request from town clerk for Christmas donations to a needy family in town rather than exchange gifts between departments.

7:42 pm Elizabeth Ackerman, newly elected town board member, arrived

- Roger welcomed Beth and thanked her for attending. Introductions were made. Same reason for attending as above. Roger updated Don and Beth with 2009 Annual Report and 2010 Goals.
- Recycling cont'd ó Jim Hopper suggested that CAB pay for part of the cost for recycling bins out of the CAB budget. Looking at October's minutes it was reviewed that it costs our town \$33 per ton of trash and as of 9/30/09 our town produced 1700 tons of trash.
- PACE ó Roger informed that the state has allocated only \$17 million. Dan Williams suggested that the town might think about self-funding for PACE by putting away a certain amount of money every year.
- Beth Ackerman suggested that she would like to see CAB work more closely with the Zoning and Planning Boards.
- Pat Blarr wondered why a new truck for leaf collection could not be purchased with some of the surplus. Bud Pearce informed that the state would not allow it. Surplus money is restricted on what can be purchased with it.

IV. Adjournment

Roger requested a motion to adjourn. Jim Hopper moved and Dan Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk