

TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 7, 2010

I. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Deb Lerner, Debbie Beats,, Jim Heinrich,, Fran Osborne

Town Board Liaison: Don Darrow

Guests Present: Ken Kelchin, Leon Berner, Scott Rider

Ken Kelchin building proposal review

CAB has reviewed Ken's site plans objectively as an advisory board for the town and planning board. Upon review the plan showed an angled driveway coming in off Clinton St. with 3 DOT approved options to handle the drainage at the Two Rod and Clinton intersection. A sand septic with a raised pump will be installed and a retention pond will be dug to collect rain runoff. The building lot will be raised approximately 2 feet to meet required road grade. Core samples have been taken and have shown a clay, sand, gravel and rock mix. A 2004 DEC wetland study confers that this property is not deemed a wetland. The approximate date of completion is now scheduled for the fall of 2011. With all appropriate agencies involved and concerns addressed the CAB wishes Ken much success.

III. Approval of Minutes

Roger asked if all members would review the minutes from September online. Jim Heinrich moved and Deb Beats seconded to review and approve Septembers minutes online.

AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Next Meeting: Thursday Nov. 4, 2010

IV. Reports from Members

Ag Days

A big thanks to Deb and Deb for manning our table and informing the community on what CAB is and does. The board discussed new ideas for next year including suburban conservation (household pollution) more info on recycling, perhaps starting prep work for a grant to purchase recycling bins. Ways to draw more people to our tent.. hands on activities for children and more at our table in addition to paper flyers. And maybe even more advertising throughout the community.

Farmland Protection Plan

Roger stated that he had been in contact with Jason Angle for his recommendations and consulting services along with Tom Deering who is director for Erie counties plan, and Diane Held from American Farmland and trust.

The direction of the board at this time will be to work with the county for NY state approval. New York state Agriculture is providing grant money to eligible towns in the amount of \$25,000.00. CAB feels it would be highly beneficial to the town for us to be active in forming and participating in focus groups that are gathering information and working within the county. Due to the counties long term timetable, 6-8 months to file the contract and 6-8 months for acceptance the board feels it would be best to begin work on preliminary plans. As the Town board and CAB move forward in applying for the grant CAB will be reviewing the process of old PACE applications and Farmland plans to see what we can do to save money and move the process forward, perhaps using public meetings, surveys and/or mailings.

With questions arising...will there actually be state money available, what will the grant cover consultant fees,surveys,mailings...Don stated that we should invite Jason, Diane and Tom to group work session to discuss all of our concerns and to ensure that the town files for a grant that can be consistent with the county.

New Business

Comprehensive Plan

Don has requested that CAB review the Comprehensive Plan and discuss any ideas for updates. Some research may be required as the plan was adopted in 1987 and last updated in 1998. Upon review CAB will form a summary of ideas that can be submitted to the town board for review.

Adjournment: Roger requested a motion to adjourn. Jim Heinrich moved and Deb Lerner seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 pm. AYES: 5 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Osborne