Town of Saugerties

Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for February 18th, 2010

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, J. Barbour, J. Randall, E. Shafer, S. Thorpe,

G. Marzec, M. Wrolsen

Absent: None

Convened: 7:10 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- L. Thornton started off with describing the status of the Open Space Plan and the offending language regarding the 1 to 2 acre zoning in agricultural areas.
 - In checking with the NY Association of Towns, it doesn't matter where the Open Space Plan ends up because it becomes part of the planning process.
 - Leeanne also had a call into George Redder to check on whether or not a resolution is sufficient to amend the wording in the plan.
- J. Randall made a motion to remove the "Development Density" paragraphs from the Open Space Plan. Seconded by S. Thorpe. Yes votes by S. Thorpe, M. Wrolsen, J. Randall, B. Sawchuk and G. Marzec. E. Schafer abstained.
- S. Thorpe stated that the water resource references were supposed to be included in the plan as an appendix. Addition of the water resource list as an appendix to the Open Space Plan was approved by all.
- We may be able to add these as an addendum.
 - Sandra also discussed the "Trees for Tribs" program from the DEC. Deadline for application is March 1st.
 - The Plattekill group (PPCW) has many references for the creek and Sandra hopes that these can be digitized and made available.
- Leanne stated that the property surrounding Glenerie Falls may be negotiable for inclusion as open space in the town.
 - The other property that will be up for sale is Opus 40. There may be some negotiation with the owners to keep the property open to the public.
- Sandra and Elizabeth asked about our goals for implementation of the Open Space Plan. We will address the action items suggested in the document at our future CAC meetings.
- B. Sawchuk suggested that we work on potential sources of funding. We will contact other conservancy programs for suggestions.
- J. Randall made a motion to approve the minutes from November, December and January. All voted yes. G. Marzec will provide these to the town's webmaster for posting on the web site.
- Brian asked that we consider candidates whom we think would be good delegates for the CPC, the Comprehensive Plan planning committee, and the CAC liaison on the Planning Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ca. 8 pm.