Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for April 15th, 2010

Present: L. Thornton, J. Barbour, J. Randall, E. Shafer, S. Thorpe, G. Marzec, and M. Wrolsen

Absent: B. Sawchuk

Convened: 7:00 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- L. Thornton asked for our comments on how we liked working with Behan & Associates on the Open Space Plan. The company was looking for our feedback on the recently completed project.
 - The CAC agreed that Behan did an excellent job of keeping us focused, and moving the plan along as scheduled. Behan was very professional in their approach and required thorough input throughout the project which resulted in a better product that was tailored to the community. (G. Marzec to provide this summary to L. Thornton via e-mail).
- J. Randall made a motion to accept the revised minutes for 2/18 and 3/18/10. E. Shafer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. There was a minor correction to E. Shafer's last name that will be fixed before submittal to the town web site.
- Leanne had several informational points:
 - There will be a workshop offered by NYS on sea level rise planning for coastal communities. The workshop will be held on 5/5/10 at Norrie Point. Leanne also provided a handout with this information.
 - The CAC and CPC will review the wetlands zoning proposal (from Behan). It then goes to the DEC, Ulster County and finally a public hearing.
 - On 4/27/10, there will be a planning and development workshop for village and town staff. This will be an open meeting at Ulster Community College regarding zoning and planning. If anyone wants to go, contact Leeanne.
 - An individual will be bringing an issue to the table at next week's Town Board meeting. The topic is horse manure droppings along the road in West Saugerties.
 - All zoning codes have been compiled by Claudette Zinkow.
 - Leanne provided the CAC with copies of Behan's Town of New Paltz build-out analysis for our review.
 - The town received funding for a complete wetlands inventory through the NYS Hudson Valley Greenway. We may be able to ask for Greenway funding for revising the Comprehensive Plan.
 - Speakers are needed to address large landowners and other interested land owners on the various conservation easements that may be available.
 - Leanne asked for volunteers to work on the Comprehensive Plan revision group. E. Shafer, J. Barbour and G. Marzec volunteered.
 - We also need a representative from the CAC for the Planning Board –J. Randall volunteered for this position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ca. 8:30 pm.