

Town of Saugerties Conservation Advisory Commission

Meeting minutes for October 15th, 2009

Present: L. Thornton, B. Sawchuk, J. Barbour, J. Randall, E. Schafer

S. Thorpe, G. Marzec, and M. Wrolsen . Also attending was B. Benepe (HPC)

Absent: none

Convened: 7:10 pm, Saugerties Town Hall.

- B. Sawchuk asked the members of the CAC who would be interested in attending the Ulster County CAC roundtable on November 18th at UCCC.
- B. Benepe suggested that the CAC recommend decreasing the minimum requirement for conservation subdivisions from 10 to 3 units.
- L. Thornton had several points to discuss:
 - Open burning is banned state-wide as of October 14th.
 - The state law for outdoor wood burners is currently under review.
 - There will be a presentation on community-based climate change strategies on October 20th at BOCES.
 - Regarding the recent issue on keeping farm animals in residential areas, the suggested town policy is that two neighbors who have a complaint should file a suit. The municipal code has provisions that should allow resolution without additional ordinances.
 - The CPC has completed a water resources protection draft. Leanne distributed copies and asked that the CAC members review it and provide comments by October 21st. The water resource protection draft will then go to the county and to attorney G. Redder.
- B. Sawchuk asked that G. Redder attend one of our CAC meetings to explain the authority and responsibilities of the CAC.
- J. Randall requested a motion to accept J. Kane's letter regarding the Open Space Plan (as amended with the CAC's comments) to Behan Planning. There was some discussion regarding the letter:
 - S. Thorpe stated that the letter didn't request the inclusion of references to water resources reports and other studies.
 - Josh stated that Appendix A needs to be included in the report.
 - E. Schafer's and J. Barbour's comments need to be addressed and included.
 - All agreed that these modifications should be added to the letter.
 - The motion carried and all were in favor.
- S. Thorpe stated that she has plenty of information regarding water resources in the town and wants to make this available to more people for educational purposes.
- L. Thornton stated that on October 21st at the Senior Center, 6:00 pm, the Winston Farm presentation will provide a summary of the public forums.
- B. Benepe stated that there will be a presentation on the designation of Augusta Savege Road as a historic trail on October 26th, 7:30 pm at the Senior Center.
- L. Thornton asked G. Marzec to send the minutes that were not posted on the town's web site to the webmaster and to copy the Town Clerk, Lisa Stanley.

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