

Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Minutes of January 3, 2018 meeting

Present: Roxanne Marino, Andy Hillman, Bara Hotchkiss, Robert Oswald, Sue Poelvoorde

Excused: Don Ellis, Brice Smith

Roxanne called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Roxanne submitted the draft October 26, 2017, meeting minutes for review and approval. She noted that the only edit to the draft minutes Sue submitted was inserting the final version of the resolution to the Town Board requesting that they finalize and adopt the updates to the Solar Law that will include Glare Standards. Robert moved to accept the meeting minutes as amended. Sue seconded. Approved.

Updates on Town issues or Board actions relate to Sustainability/Conservation

- Report Out at December 12th Town Board meeting

Roxanne reported that she gave a summary of the work that the committee undertook during 2017 and submitted the resolution to the Town Board asking them to complete work on updates to the Solar Law.

At the Board meeting, she learned that the Urban Forestry Grant submitted for the Town/Village project was not funded but, the Town Board is still interested in pursuing the project. Andy shared that a new round of grant funding is expected in April 2018. He will research why the Town's application was rejected.

- Reappointment of the Committee and members

Roxanne reported that the Town Board wants the Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC) to continue and will be reaching out to the group to see if each member would like to continue.

- Zoning Update, status of revisions

Roxanne reported out on the work and most recent meetings of the Zoning Update Steering Committee (ZUSC). In summary, based on the response and comments received at the two public information meetings, the committee is going to include two members from the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals, Agriculture Committee and the CSAC with full participation privileges at their next meeting (January 18). Roxanne will be one of the CSAC representatives and she will check will all the committee members to see who else would like to attend the meetings. The zoning law revision process will slow down regardless of the grant deadline and deadlines put forward at the November 30, 2017 public meeting, based on the feedback the ZUSC and Town Board received at the public meetings.

New Business

- Scheduling of regular monthly meetings

Roxanne asked the members in attendance if the third Thursday of each month was still the preferred date to meet. The consensus of the members was to continue to meet on the third Thursday.

Old Business

- Committee interests and foci for 2018

Roxanne noted that since the Town Board will discuss projects that they would like the CSAC to work on in 2018 that their next two meetings, the agenda item will be tabled.

Agenda items for next meeting

- Schedule next meeting.

The next monthly meeting of the CSAC is scheduled for Thursday, January 18th. Roxanne noted that the ZUSC meeting is scheduled to meet on the same night; as such, the committee decided to reschedule, to allow CSAC members in addition to our 2 representatives to attend that meeting.

The January meeting was rescheduled to January 11th, 7 pm to discuss priority comments on the 11-30-17 draft zoning law, for our representatives to bring to the January 18, 2018 ZUSC meeting (see above).

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.