

Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Minutes of July 11, 2016 meeting

Present: Sue Poelvoorde, Brice Smith, Robert Oswald, Andy Hillman, Roxanne Marino

Excused: Bara Hotchkiss

Roxanne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 6/07/2016.

Update on current relevant activities in the Town

Roxanne reported on meetings with Town Officials Nancy Zahler and Liz Thomas, re: items of interest to our committee and to the Town Board relating to conservation and sustainability. Also reported on Community Choice Aggregation presentation (TCCOG meeting) with regards to municipal energy, Westchester County used as an example.

The Town is applying for a grant from NYS that could cover up to 75% of the cost to purchase green space. The Town has funding to pay the Town's share. The Habitat for Humanity property on Salo Drive has a portion they are willing to sell that contains marshy, wetland type areas. Request from Liz Thomas for letters of support was discussed and some CSAC members expressed willingness to write in support as individuals; the committee felt this was the strongest way to support the application, as we have several different areas of expertise.

Activities of the Zoning Update Steering Committee July 11 meeting were reported (Roxanne). Randall West was chosen to provide recommended changes to the Agricultural District Zoning. Preliminary draft recommended changes have been provided. An agriculture protection committee has been formed.

Discussion of Community Shared Solar and Ulysses local law for solar installations issues took place. The Town Board has requested input from our committee on this. Among the issues were: effect of a moratorium on further solar farm projects, glare analyses, decommissioning, and PILOTs.

There followed discussion of items from the June 26th email from Roxanne, on meetings and trainings of relevance to the committee that were attended or upcoming.

Next meeting will be August 25th (4th Thursday) rather than the 18th.

8:45 Motion to adjourn was made and passed.