

Conservation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Minutes of April 25, 2018 meeting

Present: Roxanne Marino, Don Ellis, Robert Oswald, Sue Poelvoorde

Excused: Andy Hillman, Bara Hotchkiss, Brice Smith

Guest: Krys Cail

Roxanne called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Roxanne submitted the draft minutes for the April 12th meeting for review and approval. Roxanne moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Robert seconded. Approved.

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

● Town staff and personnel

Roxanne reported that Matt Johnson, the Village of Trumansburg's Zoning Officer filling in for Darby, will be leaving employment at the Village. Darby will be staying on for an additional two weeks.

Roxanne noted that she will be taking over the NYSERDA grant negotiations.

● Zoning Law Update

Roxanne reported that the Zoning Update Steering Committee (ZUSC) will meet on May 5th. Liz emailed a timeline for completing the zoning law update to all interested parties. Roxanne advised the committee that she has the latest update for anyone interested in reviewing it.

New Business

● Discussion on document from Don Ellis (cluster zoning)

Roxanne noted that committee members were emailed a proposal made by Don for a process that could lessen the financial burden on landowners, and in particular farmers, who want to sell housing lots under the cluster housing option. The proposal would have the Town develop a generalized design template that would spell out construction details for the cluster development.

Don will attend the next meeting of the ZUSC with Roxanne to present his proposal.

● Review of Natural Resources Inventory for the Town of Ulysses – comments/suggestions for CCE
The committee reviewed the draft document and will send the following summarized comments and edits to Terry Carroll.

- a) Maps – reorient all maps from profile to landscape layout. Digital files of the maps should be sent to the Tompkins County Planning Department for future use by the Town. (Clarify this request with the Planning Department Director.)
- b) Introduction – clarify that the Village of Trumansburg is located within the Town of Ulysses.
- c) Maps of Waterways – all maps depicting waterways should clarify which are permanent and which are intermittent.
- d) Soils Maps – a new map illustrating the agricultural soils by agriculture use should be included.
- e) Scenic Resources – a new section should be added covering scenic resources. The inventory completed by Tompkins County Planning should be the basis for the section.
- f) Land Cover Map – Vegetative cover should be broken down to Forest and Brush/Grass.

- g) Unique Natural Areas – The Hart’s Woods area is not shown on the map.
- h) General grammatical/spelling errors noted.

Sue volunteered to pull together a draft of the detailed list of comments and email it to Roxanne by the following day for a quick turn-around to Terry Carroll.

- Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Town of Ulysses – begin review.
- Roxanne noted that due to the time, this item, the Old Business items and discussion of future agenda items will be tabled until the May 23rd meeting.

Old Business

- Clean Energy Community (CEC) Grant for Town Hall replacement of heating and AC system with heat pumps - update.
- Water quality and lake protection activities in the Cayuga Lake Watershed – recent IO meeting

Agenda items, time, and date for next meeting

- Solar law – review Ag and Markets guidance document
- Tools for supporting agriculture and land conservation funding, CSAC subcommittee
- Urban forestry proposal from 2017, possible RFP in 2018

● Meeting Schedule

Roxanne advised the committee that the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization’s (IO) meeting is the 4th Wednesday of each month. She asked committee members to check their calendars to see if the CSAC can come up with an alternate meeting day so CSAC committee members can attend the IO meeting since Darby is no longer available to attend for the Town.

Roxanne noted that the next meeting of the CSAC is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.