

01/25/12 Conservation Board Minutes

TOWN of ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD
1600 Bowen Road Elma, NY 14059

MINUTES OF MEETING – January 25, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY

PRESENT: ABSENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke Member Eric Weaver
Member William Jackson

Member Michael Sobczak GUEST:

Member Raymond Boy Councilman Jim Malczewski

Member Kenneth Schroeder

Member Laurence Daley

Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

I APPROVE MINUTES –

The following change noted to the Ag District section that the Ag District was approved by the State. Motion was made to approve the minutes of November 29, 2011 made by Ken Schroeder and second by Mike Sobczak. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

The following change to be made on the December 27, 2011 minutes; Supervisor Powers mentioned that the past building inspector was working on a program down by one of the creeks with maybe a half a dozen parcels in that area. Motion was made to approve the minutes of December 27, 2011 by Ray Boy and second by Mike Sobczak. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Bryant opened the meeting by greeting past member and newly elected Councilman Jim Malczewski. Jim explained that he met a councilman while attending training at the beginning of January. The councilman is from Clarence and explained to Jim what his town Conservation Board does to protect land. Ken mentioned that there has to be a

revenue source to do what Clarence is doing. Jim also advised that board of how high the permit fees were that the Building department took in during 2011. There is talk of money being put aside for the Conservation Board to work with to preserve green space in Elma. Jim closed his discussion by mentioning he attended a Planning Board meeting the week prior and had mentioned to that board about an annual meeting between all three Boards. All the Conservation Board members thought that it would be a great idea.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

A. Review Elma parcel maps

Kerry has been updating the GIS mapping system and has included the three easements that we are looking into. There will be a presentation for the February meeting.

III PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

A. Update on LCE Draft Legislation

The County Executive has signed off on the approval for the County regarding the easement program. The letter for the school is almost ready to be sent. Bryant spoke with Kandy and ORPS about the exemption. Bryant read the resolution that was drafted up to an attorney that works for ORPS to get his view point on the resolution. We obtained a copy of the resolution that the Town of Orchard Park approved. Kerry also received a report from Orchard Park as to what the figures are that they have regarding exemptions given to date for the Conservation Easement program. Once the letter goes out to the school Bryant will set up another meeting to discuss everything.

V NEW CONSERVATION IDEAS

A. Speaker

The speaker will be put back on the agenda after the conservation easement program is completed.

B. North Star Easement

All three easements are mapped out on the GIS system and will be reviewed in February. Bill suggested that the easements need some clarifications (need BDR – base line

document report).

C. Book Project

Tabling this idea until the easement program is complete.

VI FYI

Building Inspector's Report – December 2011

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VII ADJOURN

Motion made by Ray Boy and second by Bill Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,

ECB Recording Secretary