

12/09/08 Conservation Board Minutes

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

MINUTES OF MEETING –December 9, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY.

PRESENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke
Member Raymond Boy
Member Laurence Daley
Member William Jackson
Member Marc Schneckenberger
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Member/Recording Secretary Diane Rohl

GUESTS:

Three Iroquois Senior girls (Erica Rider, Jessica Bargnesi and Amanda Debrzynski) attended a part of the meeting. They said they are working toward earning credit in a government internship program.

I APPROVE MINUTES –November 25, 2008

Motion made by Raymond Boy and second by Larry Daley to approve the Minutes of November 25, 2008 as written.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

A. Recommendation GIS Consultant

Diane Rohl informed the ECB that she had met with Supervisor Nolan informing him of the ECB recommendation of 11/25/08 to award a contract for GIS work. The contract would be with Joseph Ghosen of South Arrow Consulting, for a maximum of \$1,200 as

outlined in his response to the RFP, initially drafted by the ECB and sent to him. She also gave the ECB a copy of the one page cover memo to the Town Board outlining the need for a GIS consultant; and the progress achieved thus far by William Jackson and herself in developing a land inventory data base on the Water Department computer. The RFP is to be reviewed at the Town Board Work Session on December 10th and acted upon by the Town Board on December 17th.

B. Review of RFP Suggestions

Modifications to the RFP as suggested in emails by Marc Schneckenberger were discussed by the ECB. It was decided that the RFP as originally drafted met the immediate goals of the Board: (1) To complete a land inventory so that the ECB can legally be recognized as a “Board”; (2) To gather historical data so that the ECB could prepare a presentation for the Town Board and/or the public, showing the growth patterns in Elma over a period of years.

Also reviewed was the process previously agreed to by the ECB – that any changes, modifications or actions on behalf of the ECB by any member are not allowed without full Board approval at a regular meeting.

C. Progress on GIS Grant Application

Diane Rohl reported that she is continuing to gather information for GIS grant application to be submitted by Connie Miner to the NYS Records & Archives Department. She met with Mr. Ghosen to get some ideas for GIS applications within the Town Departments since he is the GIS consultant for the Town of Eden. She has an appointment with Wendel Duchscherer on 12/10/08, the authors of the required Needs Assessment document and the consultants on the two Water Department Grants.

III CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

A. Update on PDR Grant 2006

Bryant Zilke reported that there has been no progress in reaching an agreement with Mr. Janiga for the remaining parcel of land – now altered due to Mr. Janiga selling a small corner piece to a neighbor. The deadline for signing of a final PDR Contract with the Town of Elma is 3/31/08. If no agreement is reached by that time, the Town will not receive the funds.

B. Follow up - Cost Benefit Model

In his continuing effort to obtain statistical data, Raymond Boy spoke to the NYS Education Department and the NYS Facilities & Planning Department. His ultimate goal is to determine whether it will drive up local costs more by letting the Town develop or by funding a PDR with local tax dollars. Bryant Zilke posed the question of how the Town would be impacted if all of the commercial property were developed. Mr. Boy will continue to gather information and present it at the January 2009 meeting.

IV PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

A. Update on LCE Draft Legislation

Diane Rohl said that there have been no further developments – that the Towns of Elma and Orchard Park (with whom the Town has partnered in an effort to get new land conservation easement legislation passed) are waiting for the Legislature to return to Albany in January. She invited all of the ECB to attend the Town Board Work Session on December 10th when Jane Corwin, Assemblywoman Elect, will be present. She reminded the ECB that Assemblywoman Corwin has been given all of the LCE documentation and that she will be Elma's representative in the Assembly beginning in January.

V STATUS BDR - SPRINGBROOK SHORES

Diane Rohl met with Supervisor Nolan in regard to the status of this report; and whether contacting Marrano/Marc Equity or Springbrook Shores is necessary. Mr. Nolan said he would check on the matter.

VI FYI

Member Attendance Record for 2008

ECB Schedule of Meetings - 2009

Letter of Appreciation for Support - WNYLC

Building Inspector's Report – November 2008 (not available)

Elma Planning Board Minutes – Town Web Site

Elma Town Board Minutes – Town Web Site

Elma Zoning Board Minutes – Town Web Site

VII ADJOURN

Motion made by Raymond Boy and second by Kenneth Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rohl,
ECB Recording Secretary