

## **04/24/07 Conservation Board Minutes**

### TOWN of ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD

DRAFT - MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING û April 24, 2007

I The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY.

#### PRESENT: ABSENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke Glenn Reinhardt

Member Raymond Boy

Member William Jackson

Member William Massaro

Member Marc Schneckenberger

Member Kenneth Schroeder

Alt/Recording Secretary Diane Rohl (Sub for Glenn Reinhardt)

#### OTHERS:

Former ECB Fred Streif (arrived @ 8:00 PM)

#### II MINUTES OF March 27, 2007

Motion to Approve Minutes as amended by Raymond Boy and Second by William Massaro. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

#### III COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAM

A. Revised Power Point Program û William Jackson revised the program and handed out Computer disks to those members who requested them.

B. Mailing to Property Owners for PDR Grant Application û Diane Rohl requested additional time to finish this task.

C. Elma First LCE Program û Diane Rohl is awaiting a response from Elma First to present the revised LCE presentation. Target date: May 24th.

D. Marilla Conservation Board û Diane Rohl is awaiting a response to present the revised LCE program. Target date: June 5th.

E. WNYLC Newsletter û Nancy Smith requested information on the Town's LCE Program to be featured in the next publication.

Mr. Fred Streif requested of the ECB that he be allowed to meet with certain landowners who may be interested in participating in the Town's LCE Program. These landowners were identified last year as potential candidates. The ECB gave its blessing. Mr. Streif said he would keep the ECB informed of any progress. Mr. Streif, who serves on the Erie County Conservation Board, said he would approach them to see if they would support some kind of tax break for landowners with conservation easements.

#### IV LAND CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATIONS

- A. LCE Application #004 û Site evaluation to be placed on hold.
- B. LCE Application #005 û Site evaluation to be placed on hold.
- C. LCE Application #006 û Site evaluation to be placed on hold.

Motion for Diane Rohl to write a letter to all LCE Applicants indicating the intent of the ECB to seek alternative methods of funding; and to advise them that they will be contacted in the near future with additional information as soon as it is available. Made by William Massaro and Second by Raymond Boy. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

- D. Draft of BDR Letter for Springbrook Shores û The ECB choose Draft #2 with minor revisions by William Jackson.

Motion for Diane Rohl to incorporate the final revisions and send out a letter to Marrano/Marc Equity, advising them of the ECB's intent to visit the site in preparation for a BDR. Made by William Jackson and Second by William Massaro. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

- E. Draft Letter û Alternate Funding û Diane Rohl presented a two page letter outlining another method of funding the LCE Program, including the pros and cons. After some discussion it was decided that it needed more specific detail. A committee, composed of Diane Rohl, William Jackson, William Massaro and Bryant Zilke will attempt to gather statewide and nationwide, more information about these programs. They will report back to the ECB with their findings at the June meeting.

Motion to form a committee Made by Diane Rohl and Second by William Massaro. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

#### V ELMA PDR GRANT UPDATE

Chairman Zilke reported that a scheduled meeting with the Town Supervisor and Connie Miner was cancelled. He also stated that there has been no new information from NYS.

#### TOWN OF ELMA CODE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chairman Zilke announced that he had informed Supervisor Nolan of his choices for the Town Code Review Committee and asked for a Motion.

Motion to Approve Bryant Zilke and William Massaro to serve as representatives from the ECB on the Town Code Review Committee. Motion Made by William Jackson and Second by Raymond Boy. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: Diane Rohl. Motion Carried.

#### VI REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

A draft of the Annual Report Year 4 from the WNY Stormwater Coalition was distributed.

#### VII MEETINGS & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Information regarding various meetings and educational programs was distributed. A few of the ECB members filled out survey cards to TVGA indicating their interest in the company's offer of free 2 hour sessions to be scheduled in the future.

#### VIII FYI - DISTRIBUTED

- A. Building Inspector's Report February/March 2007
- B. Local Law 1-2007 (Building Moratorium) Adopted 4/18/07
- C. Planning Board Minutes February 28, 2007
- D. Planning Board Agenda April 17, 2007
- E. Legislative Comm on Rural Resources-ôTown retains its rural flavorö

ADDED TO THE AGENDA BY REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN:

#### IX NYS LEGISLATURE

In a meeting with Chairman Zilke, Supervisor Nolan indicated he was interested in exploring alternative methods of funding land conservation easements. The Town Supervisor will be speaking with our NYS legislators to support changes in the NYS laws involving these land conservation easements.

#### X SITE PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

The ECB Members discussed this Board's potential role in the Site Plan Review process currently being handled between the Zoning and Planning Boards. The ECB cited their role as described in the current law and determined that it is appropriate for them to be a participant in this process.

Motion to submit a letter to Supervisor Nolan requesting that the ECB be an additional participant in any Site Plan Review Process. Made by William Massaro and Second by Diane Rohl. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

#### XI RIGHT TO FARM LAW SIGNS

The Town Board passed a Resolution supporting the Right to Farm Laws. Chairman Zilke suggested that small road signs be placed in strategic locations, on existing sign posts throughout the Town, indicating that Elma recognizes itself as a Right To Farm Community. The estimated cost of the signs would be \$14 each. Mr. Zilke will continue to get further quotes before submitting a final request to the Town. As many as twenty intersections were identified as good locations for posting the signs.

Motion to Approve Chairman Bryant Zilke to submit quotes to the Town Supervisor for the purchase of Right-To-Farm signs, those signs to be posted at strategic locations around the Town, Made by Raymond Boy and Seconded by William Massaro.

Motion to Adjourn at 9:35 PM Made by William Massaro and Second by Raymond Boy. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Rohl,  
Alternate/Recording Secretary