

TOWN of ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD

May 23, 2006 – MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Regular April Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on Tuesday, May 23, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, New York.

PRESENT:

Chairman Fred Streif
Member Raymond Boy
Member William Jackson
Member William Massaro (left at 9:00 PM)
Member Glenn Reinhardt
Member Bryant Zilke
Substitute Kenneth Schroeder (for M. Schneckenberger)
Alternate & Recording Secretary Diane Rohl

ABSENT:

Member Marc Schneckenberger

MINUTES OF 4/25/06:

Approve as submitted. Motion by Raymond Boy and Second by Glenn Reinhardt.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

APPLICATION FORM – FRONT AND BACK:

Approve forms as submitted, adding zip code, area code and in the lower right hand corner, 5/23/06 as date form was adopted on the front; 5/23/06 in the lower right hand corner on the back. Submit a letter with all amended forms to the Town Attorney. Motion to approve by Fred Streif and Second by Raymond Boy. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COVER LETTER TO APPLICATION:

Approve form as submitted adding area code and in the lower right hand corner, 5/23/06 as date form was adopted. Cover letter is to be printed on Elma Town Letterhead. Motion to approve by Fred Streif and Second by William Massaro. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

INSTRUCTION FORM:

Approve form as submitted, adding zip code, area code and in the lower right hand corner, 5/23/06 as date form was adopted. Motion to approve by Bryant Zilke and Second by Raymond Boy. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

PROCEDURE FOR FILING AN APPLICATION:

Approve form as submitted, adding area code and in the lower right hand corner, 5/23/06 as date form was adopted. Motion to approve by William Jackson and Second by Bryant Zilke. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Regarding the procedure to be followed when first viewing a property for determination of eligibility for a land conservation easement, the following was suggested by William Jackson:

- The ECB should be willing to take certain people out of the loop when deciding who will be the “Lead Member”.
- Lead Members should be on a rotating basis.
- There should be some criteria.
- If the ECB approves, create base line documentation, property description, what is on the property (trees, creek, etc.).

EASEMENT AGREEMENT:

Approve form as submitted adding 5/23/06 in the lower right hand corner on page two as date form was adopted. Ayes: 7 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

There was discussion amongst the members of how a land conservation easement stays with the land for the duration of its period if the property should subsequently be sold; also whether the property can be subdivided as long as it is not developed as was agreed to under the terms of the easement agreement; also that the landowner is free to do whatever he wants to with the land after the expiration of the easement agreement.

ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD MISSION STATEMENT:

William Jackson and Marc Schneckenberger volunteered to develop a mission statement for the ECB. The first draft was presented to the ECB. It was titled:
The Elma Conservation Board Mission, Vision and Qualitative Selection Criteria.

Mr. Jackson said the Mission Statement needed to be done before we developed the criteria. He stated that The ECB needs to “embrace the Elma Regional Plan”. It was agreed that our focus should be landowners and that we need to target certain ones. It was suggested that the Federal Government be added to the section under Collaboration and Partnerships. Under Selection Criteria Step I, after discussion regarding language in paragraph three, it was decided to delete it in its entirety and substitute the Elma Town Code, Section 146-5 Definitions. Mr. Jackson will revise the Mission Statement and submit it at the June Meeting.

SPRINGBROOK SHORES CONSERVATION EASEMENT:

The document was reviewed. Questions were raised regarding the role and the responsibilities of the ECB in fulfilling the conditions as stated.

NYS GRANT FOR PURCHASE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS (PDR):

Fred Streif informed the ECB that the Town of Elma will be filing for grant monies to purchase two parcels of property on Jamison Road owned by Leonard Janiga. The grant will be developed for the Town and submitted to the State by Connie Miner, grants writer. If approved, this would be the first PDR for the Town of Elma.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 10:05 by Bryant Zilke and Second by William Jackson.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Rohl,

ECB Recording Secretary/Alternate Member