

TOWN OF ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD

June 27, 2006 – MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

The Regular June Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. 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 (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)
Member William Massaro
Member Glenn Reinhardt
Member Marc Schneckenberger
Member Bryant Zilke
Alternate Kenneth Schroeder
Alternate & Recording Secretary Diane Rohl

MINUTES OF 5/23/06:

Motion to approve as amended by Raymond Boy and Second by Glenn Reinhardt.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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Edit Page –1- as suggested in 6/2/06 email to William Jackson; also edit Selection Criteria Step 1, line 1 to read “should” instead of “shall”. Copy attached.

Motion to approve as amended by Fred Streif and Second by William Jackson.
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF METHOD TO BE USED TO EVALUATE PROPERTY:

Raymond Boy said possibly we could use both of these criteria – qualitative and quantitative. “If you start going with a point system, what does it mean – difference between high and low? Weights came from other places, i.e. Clarence, Orchard Park.”

William Jackson said the Town of Clarence had money. “They used points to determine who gets the money. It is too specific.”

William Massaro said we should use a bench mark property to get at the appropriate criteria.

Bryant Zilke said the intention is to be as inclusive as possible. We could use the Greenprint Criteria Ranking Form for the PDR properties.

Kenneth Schroeder said we could do an inventory of properties knowing how many properties have what number of acres.

Fred Streif asked if the ECB wanted to use both of these forms (ECB Mission and Greenprint Criteria Ranking. He said: “The law says we need something.”

William Jackson said: “The Greenprint Criteria Ranking becomes a tool.”

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Marc Schneckenberger said: "We could use the Greenprint Criteria Ranking as a baseline document once the property has been granted an easement. We do not need the points initially. We can use it as a follow up procedure."

Unanimous agreement was reached to use the ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD MISSION, VISION AND QUALITATIVE SELECTION CRITERIA as base line criteria for initial selection of property for a land conservation easement.

Motion to approve by Marc Schneckenberger and Second by William Massaro.

Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ECB MISSION, VISION AND QUALITATIVE SELECTION CRITERIA- Page 2:

The following changes were made to the form provided by William Jackson:

Change Selection Criteria "Step 2" to "Part I".

In Item k), replace "newsworthy project" with "of significant benefit to the public".

Change Selection Criteria "Step 3" to "Part II".

In Item b), replace "or public image" with "or legal, or other" problems.

In Item d), leave off "s" on "impact" on conservation resources.

In Item g), edit "and/or" protected....

Motion to approve by William Jackson and Second by Raymond Boy.

Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

William Jackson volunteered to draft an outline of base line selection criteria for the next meeting.

REVISION TO OPEN SPACE FOR PERINTON PAMPHLET:

Tabled until the July Meeting. **Diane Rohl** will scan the Perinton Pamphlet and send via email to **William Jackson**. He has volunteered to revise the pamphlet by replacing reference to the Town of Perinton with the Town of Elma as an initial draft. When completed, the pamphlet will be distributed to any residents of the Town of Elma who may be interested in the land conservation easement program.

INFORMATION HANDOUTS:

Diane Rohl reviewed the various handouts with the ECB. The following suggestions were made in reference to the land conservation easement application process:

- Purchase special folders for any potential land conservation easement applicant to pick up at the Town Clerk's Office. Each will contain the Information Pamphlet, Instruction Sheet, Cover Letter and Application Form. Affix the Town Seal.
- Prepare a Press Release explaining the program and process for application.
- Identify potential properties and prepare a separate mailing to potential landowners who would be eligible for the program. Include those who attended the March 2005 Open Meeting explaining the Land Conservation Program.
- Design a Log-In Sheet for Pat King's Office to keep track of anyone requesting an Application Folder.

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- A review of the Springbrook Shores Land Conservation Agreement raised some questions. **William Jackson** agreed to ask an attorney who is a member of the WNY Land Conservancy Board to review the document and give his unofficial opinion.

EXCERPTS FROM THE REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF 2003:

Marc Schneckenberger emailed this compilation to ECB members on 3/7/06. It was decided that it would be helpful to look at this document again. **Diane Rohl** will email this to all ECB members again; and it will be reviewed at the July Meeting.

JOINT MEETING:

Suggestions were made that it would be helpful to hold a joint meeting, in September if possible, with the Town Board, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board and the Town Supervisor for awareness and to clarify the roles of each of the individual Boards; also how they might work together as a team for the benefit of the Town. Fred Streif will speak to Mike Nolan.

ECB ANNUAL REPORT DUE June 1st:

Fred Streif will speak to Mike Nolan regarding this report due to the Town of Elma on June 1st and report back to the ECB with his response.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. made by Fred Streif and Second by William Jackson.
Ayes – 7. Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane E. Rohl,
Alternate/Recording Secretary