

TOWN of ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING – January 23, 2007

I The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY.

PRESENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke
Member William Jackson
Member William Massaro
Member Glenn Reinhardt
Member Marc Schneckenberger
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Alternate/Recording Secretary Diane Rohl (Substitute for Raymond Boy)

ABSENT:

Raymond Boy – Representing ECB: “At Taxpayers’ Expense: How Government Policies Encourage Sprawl in Erie and Niagara Counties.” By League of Women Voters.

II MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2006

Motion to Approve Minutes by William Jackson and Second by William Massaro..
Ayes: 7 Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

III COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION PROGRAM

- A. William Jackson presented the finished program. Mr. Jackson had done considerable revision since the last meeting with some assistance from Diane Rohl. It was decided that in its present format, the program allows each individual presenter to tailor it to the specific audience. A suggestion was made that there should be a reference to the PDR Program. The ECB expressed appreciation to Mr. Jackson for all of his work.
- B. No specific action was taken to form a Speakers Bureau at this time although there was suggestion of holding public meetings at the Town Hall on the LCE Program. The ECB identified potential organizations that might be contacted to determine whether there was any interest in ECB Members presenting a program. It was decided to wait until after the Conservation Club before proceeding.
- C. The Elma Conservation Club has requested a presentation of the Land Conservation Easement Program for their February 15th Meeting. William Massaro, also a member of the Conservation Club, will be presenting with assistance from William Jackson. Other ECB Members may attend.

IV LEAD MEMBERS' SITE EVALUATION REPORT

Appointed as Lead Members at the December 19, 2006 Meeting for Land Conservation Easement Application Project Number ECB 2006-001, Glenn Reinhardt and Kenneth Schroeder spoke with the landowners and walked the property. Subsequently Glenn Reinhardt prepared a comprehensive Land Conservation Baseline Documentation Report (BDR) which the ECB reviewed. It was determined that the next step is submittal to the Tax Assessor.

V LEAD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

Two new Applications for Land Conservation Easements were received. Glenn Reinhardt volunteered to do the Baseline Documentation Reports on each of the properties and have them ready for the February Meeting.

VI REVIEW OF POSTER ASSIGNMENTS

Those ECB Members that had already picked up posters on the Land Conservation Easement Program indicated where they had placed them. Other Members were going to pick up more posters to be put in businesses around the Town.

VII FUTURE MAILINGS FOR LCE's AND PDR's

Diane Rohl volunteered to check with the Assessor's Office to determine the best way to handle any future mailings to Elma landowners and farmers.

VIII REVIEW OF PITTSFORD 2006 STRATEGIC PLAN

Diane Rohl and Bryant Zilke gave the highlights of a presentation by the Pittsford Town Supervisor that was held for the East Aurora Planning Board. The major focus was Pittsford's use of Purchase Development Rights to preserve open space. Copies of material from the meeting were distributed.

IX UPDATE OF TOWN OF ELMA LAND INVENTORY

The ECB discussed how important it is to have a land inventory of the Town of Elma; and to have both a current map and a past map to show what is happening with the development in the Town and the continuing loss of open land. The Town Assessor indicated her willingness to provide information. Members will be working on this project.

X RIGHT TO FARM LAW

Bryant Zilke discussed the importance of a Town having a Right-To-Farm Law. He will be bringing additional information to the ECB in the future.

XI RITE AID PHARMACY PROPOSAL

The ECB expressed concern regarding whether there would be any green space preservation.

XII OLD BUSINESS: PDR Grant Application

Bryant Zilke, designated Project Administrator, met in December with Connie Miner, Grant Administrator and Michael Nolan, Town Supervisor, to review the Purchase of Development Rights Grant awarded to the Town by the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

XIII NEW BUSINESS

Congratulations went out to Bryant Zilke appointed as new Chairman of the ECB and Kenneth Schroeder, appointed to the ECB for a seven year term. Appointments were made by the Town Board at their January 3, 2007 Meeting.

Marilla Planning Board is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at 6:30 at the Marilla Town Hall. The topic will be the PACE Program as presented by the WNYLC. Some ECB Members are planning on attending.

The Building Inspector's Monthly Reports for November and December were reviewed. The ECB felt it was very helpful to have this information.

Motion to Adjourn by Glenn Reinhardt and Second by Bryant Zilke.
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Rohl,
Recording Secretary