

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

MINUTES OF MEETING –October 28, 2008

I The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, October 28, 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**

ABSENT:

None

I MINUTES OF September 23, 2008

Motion to Approve the Minutes of September 23, 2008 Made by Raymond Boy and Second by Laurence Daley.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

A. GIS ArcVIEW/MAP - Diane Rohl & William Jackson

William Jackson reviewed the Memo to the Town Supervisor that he and Diane Rohl had prepared. (Attached). It outlined five alternative recommendations for completing the land inventory data base that they had worked on with John Whitney's help, and that is now stored on the Water Department's computer in a separate directory. After some discussion it was decided to explore the cost of hiring an independent consultant. Diane Rohl will request a copy of the current ECB budget from the Bookkeeper.

Motion Made by Raymond Boy and Second by Laurence Daley to:

(1) Have the land inventory information copied on to a CD for presentation to the ECB so they can determine what else needs to be done;

(2) Invite an outside consultant to the meeting to view the CD and to submit to the ECB, in the form of an RFP, what it would cost to complete the required work.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

B. Grant Application – NYS Records Management and Archives

Diane Rohl discussed with Supervisor Nolan, the possibility of submitting a grant application to the NYS Records Management and Archives Department for a second GIS ArcView & ArcMap installation at the Elma Town Hall. Included would be training for the Building Department, Assessor's Office and Town Clerk's Office. Deadline for submission is February 2, 2009. She reported that Supervisor Nolan said he would contact Connie Miner, Grants Writer, saying it would have a very good possibility of approval since it is an extension of the installation already being used by the Water Department.

III CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Update on PDR Grant 2006 - Bryant Zilke

Chairman Zilke reported that he had no new information but that he will contact Supervisor Nolan to see if negotiations with Mr. Janiga are progressing.

B. Discussion of Cost Benefit Model - Raymond Boy

Raymond Boy reported that he has had conversations with the Town Assessor to verify some of the information he is gathering. He is also working with the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning. He expects to have a second draft by the November meeting.

IV PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

Diane Rohl reviewed the Update Memo that she prepared for the Elma Town Board. She indicated that based upon the October 21st meeting of the Orchard Park Committee, of which Elma is a part, this should be the final draft of the Proposed Land Conservation Easement Bill. She explained that the new draft changes the basis for percentage reductions to be applied for term easements. ORPS has proposed that another exemption category be created and the reductions will be on property taxes and not on assessed values. When the November elections are over, and the representatives for Elma from the Assembly and Senate are elected, it will be necessary for them to revise the Bill for Elma, and to then introduce the Bill in January for passage by the NYS Assembly and Senate.

V STATUS BDR - SPRINGBROOK SHORES

No word has been received as yet from the Town Attorney or the Town Supervisor.

VI TOWN OF ELMA SURVEY

A copy of the July 2000 Town of Elma Resident Survey was provided by the Town Clerk. The ECB has gathered surveys from several other towns as well. They were tabled for review at the November meeting to determine whether after eight years and the various changes in the Town and the economy, it may be time for another public survey.

VII FYI

WNYLC Membership Acknowledgment
Building Inspector's Report – September 2008
Elma Planning Board Minutes – Town Web Site
Elma Town Board Minutes – Town Web Site

VIII ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,



Diane Rohl,
ECB Recording Secretary