

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – March 26, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2013 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 Michael Sobczak
Member Eric Weaver
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Member Laurence Daley
Member William Jackson
Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

I APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the minutes of February 26, 2013 motion was made by Ray Boy and seconded by Ken Schroeder. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

Review Elma parcel maps

Kerry is checking to see what the capabilities of the GIS system is at the Water Department. The Water Superintendent went to a seminar on GIS software. There is a meeting being scheduled between the Water Department, Highway Department and other Town of Elma department heads at the Town Hall to review the capabilities of the GIS system and deploying it at other locations. Kerry will keep the ECB updated as to when the meeting is scheduled.

III PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

Review of Application Status

Four applications are in the process of being routed for review and sign-off by the various departments who recommend approval of the applications by the Town Board. The four applications in process are for the properties owned by: (1) Mr. & Mrs. A; (2) Mr. & Mrs. B; (3) Mr. C; and (4) Mr. Z. The Town Clerk/Tax Receiver has signed-off on all four applications recommending their approval; these applications have now been forwarded to the Building Inspector for review and sign-off.

There is a newly revised status tracking checklist that will be used for each application. Bryant mentioned that if there are any changes that need to be made to the status tracking checklist, simply contact Kerry by phone, email or hardcopy mail. Eric presented a preliminary “walk through” checklist and is looking for feedback from the ECB members. Mike suggested using the SBL # as a unique identifier for the application file.

The following status updates were then provided by the ECB members assigned the application:

- Mr. Post is proposing some changes with his initially submitted application. Specifically, Mr. Post is now interested in selling the property that is land locked on the other side of the Route 400 Expressway.
- Eric and Bill took a look at the Fanelli property and Eric wrote up a site review on the property. The Fanelli property is now ready to go to the various departments for review.
- The Jones property needs to be scanned and emailed to the two board members handling that file.
- The Pirrung and Love property on Rice Road has been contacted by Ray and Ken and they will be scheduling a walk through on the property after the holiday. When figuring out the amount of land to include in the easement program we should exclude the footprint of any buildings on the property. Each landowner that submits an application will be reviewed by two board members and the decision will be made at that time how to determine the amount of land being included in the program.

Two new applications for the easement program have also been recently received. The first application is from Mr. Stanley Orynawka which will be reviewed by Mike and Larry; the second application is from Mr. & Mrs. Name Alfiero. This property is not eligible due to there being an exemption on their land already. Bill will advise the homeowner of the policy that there is only one easement allowed on a property.

Bill received a letter from the Genesee Valley Easement regarding the properties that are covered by this easement program in the town of Elma. Bill gave Ray a copy so that he could review the property on North Star that already has an easement.

V HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

Ray gave the ECB an update on the meeting that was held regarding preservation of historical buildings in the Town of Elma. The State helps you through the entire process of doing a preservation in your town. You would begin by doing an inventory of the properties that could be in the program. East Aurora is currently taking advantage of the preservation program. Bill has handouts from the initial meeting and will give to Kerry to make copies and email to the rest of the board.

IV ADJOURN

Motion made by Ray Boy and seconded by Bill Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM.
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,
ECB Recording Secretary