

TOWN OF ELMA CONSERVATION BOARD  
**1600 Bowen Road Elma, NY 14059**

**MINUTES OF MEETING – December 18, 2012**

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 7:06 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

**ABSENT:**

**I APPROVE MINUTES –**

Motion was made to approve the amended minutes of November 27, 2012 with the following changes:

- \* in paragraph three, change the wording to "reminded the"
- \* omit approval and change to board recommended easement,

motion was made by Ray Boy and seconded by Ken Schroeder. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

**II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT**

**A. Review Elma parcel maps**

Bill Jackson contacted John Whitney to get his assistance with updating the GIS system. Bill picked up the portable hard drive to take and have updated with John Whitney. John Whitney downloaded a few new GIS documents on the drive. Kerry then went to see Andy at Erie County Soil and Water to get his assistance with opening the items John Whitney downloaded. The GIS is now updated with the 2011 version and the ECB took a look at the various properties that were submitted for the easement program. Bryant gave his opinion on that the resident should decide how much of their parcel they want to put aside. Ray and Ken are going to check back with the homeowner that they visited.

**III PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION**

**A. Review Application Letter & Forms**

Mr. Bill George was present to inquire about the property that is shared by the homeowners on May & June Roads being put into the easement program. If the property was to be put in an easement program, all the homeowners would have to sign off on doing so.

John Post was also present to inquire about his property on Jamison Road. He has an additional piece of property on the other side of the 400. Bill & Eric will handle this property with a BDR and other items.

George Blair's property on Woodard Road was visited by Larry and Mike. The property was not very large and was all woods. There may be a possibility of getting the neighbor in the program as well. George Blair's son Joshua owns the property across the street which backs up to the old camp Centerland.

The search and survey are missing and Mike will call to get copies and Larry will take the pictures of the property.

Bryant spoke with Supervisor Powers and there is no size limit to accepting a parcel. Supervisor Powers is checking on if a resident can receive the easement if they already have an existing easement on their property. The Supervisor is checking with the Association of Towns and with the Town Attorney and will have a decision by the next meeting. It was decided that the past seven applications that we received will require a new application with a current signature and date.

Bill Jackson spoke about how the new members of the ECB are not as up to date as the members that have been with the Board since the beginning. Bill handed out summary guidelines for the ECB members to review for the next meeting. Also handed out was a proposal for the Conservation Board and the sign off sheets so that we have an idea of where the application is in terms of processing. The check-off list should possibly be its own sheet. Mike would also like to discuss the forms handed out at the next meeting, so that everyone has enough time to review the information.

#### **IV SPRINGBROOK SHORES**

Larry Daley did a walk through at Springbrook Shores and confirmed to the ECB that there have not been any changes made on the property again this year.

#### **V FYI**

Building Inspector's Report – November 2012  
Elma Planning Board Minutes – Town Web Site  
Elma Town Board Minutes – Town Web Site  
Elma Zoning Board Minutes – Town Web Site

#### **VI ADJOURN**

Motion made by Mike Sobczak and seconded by Eric Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 PM.  
Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,  
ECB Recording Secretary