

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – November 23, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010 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 William Jackson
Member Laurence Daley
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

ABSENT:

Member Jim Malczewski

I APPROVE MINUTES – October 26, 2010

Motion to approve minutes of October 26, 2010 made by Ray Boy and second by Larry Daley.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

A. Review Elma parcel maps

Check with Joe Ghosen on an updated version of the GIS system, also check with the County to see if they have a new version. Updating the assessment information on the GIS system would be more useful to the board. Checking with Kandy to see where the information would come from.

III CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Follow up - Cost Benefit Model

Ray spoke with Barb O'Brien from the Buffalo News in regards to her article that she wrote on the Orchard Park easement program. Keeping things open with her in case we need an additional article written on how the easement program would affect Elma residents. Ray also spoke with Supervisor Nolan about an article in the paper regarding Marilla and farmland protection. Ray ran the numbers for the easement program and how it would affect tax payers in the Town and the cost is very minimal.

IV PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

A. Update on LCE Draft Legislation

Kerry is checking with Supervisor Nolan to see if we can write a letter to get on the agenda at a school board meeting. Suggested having another meeting with Supervisor Nolan as to the easement program and where it is at and the figures that Ray worked up.

V NEW CONSERVATION IDEAS

A. Speaker

Bryant spoke with Pat Szarpa and Diane Held about coming to a meeting and speaking about different items the Conservation Board might be interested in. Bryant will see if he can set a date for either the December or January meeting.

B. North Star Easement

Bill Jackson read an article that was in the Elma Review at the beginning of November regarding an easement on North Star Road. Bill expressed an interest as to why the Conservation Board was not involved with this or other easement programs. What role does the conservation board play in all the easement programs that exist in town? At the meeting with Supervisor Nolan this should be on the agenda.

C. Book Project

Bryant passed out some books to look at that the Town of West Seneca did. Possibly put together a book like this but specialize it for the Town of Elma.

VII FYI

Building Inspector's Report – October 2010

Elma Planning Board Minutes – Town Web Site

Elma Town Board Minutes – Town Web Site

Elma Zoning Board Minutes – Town Web Site

VIII ADJOURN

Motion made by Ray Boy and second by Bill Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 PM.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,

ECB Recording Secretary