

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – June 25, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY

PRESENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Member William Jackson
Member Laurence Daley
Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

ABSENT:

Member Eric Weaver
Member Raymond Boy
Member Michael Sobczak

I APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the minutes of May 28, 2013 motion was made by Kenneth Schroeder and seconded by Larry Daley. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

Review Elma parcel maps

Kerry to call John Whitney about the update to the GIS system. Is the new version going to let us do the same as the old?

III PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

Review of Application Status

Kerry contracted Phyllis to see where the files are at. We are looking to get all the files back and to the next step. Copies will be distributed to the Conservation Board members.

Love and Pirrung sent an email with changes to the draft agreement. Kerry will send the email out to the Conservation Board members.

Bryant and Bill spoke about how a property is going to be classified if it is put in the conservation easement program. Is the classification what gives the exemption? Bryant looked at the local law to see how the valuation would be done for a conservation easement.

The proposed guidelines were gone over at the work session in June and there were only a few changes. The main item was that the board wanted a section pertaining to if a property has an easement already what should be done. Bryant thought if a property had a permanent easement it would not be included.

Bill explained what his view point is regarding an easement and double dipping on an exemption. Land conservancy does not get a break on town or school taxes. The residents that get an exemption through the town conservation easement are better off than a resident that puts their property in a conservancy program.

IV HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

The local law is on the Town Board agenda for July 17 with a public hearing. Bryant thinks the Conservation Board should attend the local law hearing to support the program.

V ADJOURN

Motion made by Laurence Daley and seconded by Kenneth Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.
Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,
ECB Recording Secretary