

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – June 24, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, being called to order at 7:01 PM in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY

PRESENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke
Member Raymond Boy
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Member Michael Sobczak
Member Laurence Daley
Member William Jackson - arrived at 7:06
Member Eric Weaver
Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

ABSENT:

Guest: Mr. & Mrs. Rupp and Scott Meyers

I APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Mike Sobczak and seconded by Larry Daley to approve the May 27, 2014 minutes. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

Review Elma Parcel Maps

Wendel is still doing some work on the GIS system at the Water Department; Kerry will check with the Water Superintendent to determine what version the Town is using.

III PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

Review of Application Status

Bryant Zilke informed the Conservation Board members that the Town Board approved the Rupp property application at the meeting held on June 18, 2014. Kerry informed the ECB as to where the process is presently and what she and the Town Attorney Phyllis Todoro are doing to move the file along. Mike Sobczak asked approximately how long the process might take. It was explained by Bryant that since this is the first approved application the time frame involved is uncertain. Mr. & Mrs. Rupp asked questions on what has to be done and if there is anything that they need to do to keep the process moving forward. Bryant informed them that the Town Attorney would probably be the person to contact them when she has the finalized agreement language. Bill Jackson brought up that a baseline document (BDR) has to be completed now that the property has been approved. Larry Daley explained to the Rupp's what a BDR is and the purpose of doing a BDR.

The topic was brought up about a perpetual easement being cancelled in the future. There was a lengthy discussion as to the penalty that would be assessed if an easement was cancelled. In the draft agreement it

was noted that maybe item #6 should possibly be changed. The Town Attorney is going to review the agreement and make any necessary changes before a final copy is given to the Rupp's. A copy of the agreement will be sent to all ECB members before it gets sent to the Rupp's to make sure there are no additional changes that need to be made. Mr. Meyers asked a few questions about his property and his application. He understands that once the Rupp property is completed, the other applications submitted will start to go through the system.

It was agreed that for application tracking purposes, Kerry is going to create a spreadsheet that will have all applications received listed, date received, term of easement requested, date approved by the ECB and the acreage of the property. Once completed, a copy will be emailed (or mailed) to each ECB member for review. It was agreed upon by the ECB members that the main focus right now is to make sure the Rupp property application keeps moving forward and does not get held up at any time with any person processing the application.

IV HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

The historic preservation local law is still waiting for a few minor corrections in the local law. The ECB tabled discussion on the Historic Preservation until next month's meeting. With respect to the Multiple Dwelling Code Compliance initiative, Ray gave an update on the program and that it is moving forward. There are 4 overlay districts being proposed. There was another six month extension given at the June 18, 2015 Town Board meeting to help ensure the proposed overlays are adequately reviewed and that all parties have had an opportunity to provide their input.

V ADJOURN

Motion made by Ray Boy and seconded by Larry Daley to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Ayes: 7.
Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,
ECB Recording Secretary