

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – May 24, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016, being called to order at 7:00 PM in the Conference Room at the Elma Town Hall, 1600 Bowen Road, Elma, NY

PRESENT:

Chairman Bryant Zilke
Member William Jackson
Member Raymond Boy
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Member Laurence Daley
Member Kimberly O'Rourke
Member Howard Winkler
Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

ABSENT:

Deputy Attorney Dean Puleo

GUEST:

Fred Strief

I APPROVE MINUTES

Motion was made by Howard Winkler to approve the minutes of April 26, 2016, seconded by Larry Daley. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Fred Strief was present at the meeting to speak about the tree inventory and informed the ECB that the Tree Doctor has completed the inventory and now the information needs to be put into digital format. Fred spoke with the Water Dept. and their GIS software is out of date. ESRI software would cost \$1,500 roughly and may be what the ECB needs to purchase to use. Kerry is going to check with Connie Miner regarding how the data needs to be submitted to be eligible for grant assistance. Fred stated that he thinks 90-95% of the Ash trees are dead in our area and will need to be taken down.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

The Water Superintendent Dept. continues to work on securing an intern to assist with the GIS system at the Water Dept.; however the Water Dept. has experienced some issues that took priority. The Water Dept. is also short two employees who are out on medical leave.

III PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPLICATIONS

A) Kerry will get the filed report on the Post property easement from Dean when it is filed in the County Clerks Office. After we have the stamped copy, an email copy of the easement will be sent to the DEC.

B) Larry Daley spoke with Mr. Orynowka and was informed that Mr. Orynowka will be back in town after June 24th and at that time he will be ready to move forward with his easement application.

C) Bill Jackson informed the ECB that Carol Heckman is withdrawing her application for a conservation easement on her property.

D) Ray Boy reported that there has been no further contact with Elizabeth Love on which to provide a status update.

E) With respect to going further with the program, Bryant is to discuss with the Town Board the Town Boards input on contacting residents with more than 30 acres of property to apply for a conservation easement. For a term easement the Town will pay 50% of the cost for the search or survey. Bryant went over all the term easements and it was mentioned that Thomas Wiczorek may have applied in the initial stages of the easement program. Kerry will check and see if there is another file for Mr. Wiczorek.

IV OTHER CONSERVATION ACTIVITY

A) Historical Preservation

There is no activity to report at this time with the Historic Preservation Committee.

B) Subdivision Committee

The next meeting for the subdivision committee is June 7th at 7:00 pm.

V ADJOURN

Motion was made by Ray Boy and seconded by Larry Daley to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski
ECB Recording Secretary