

TOWN OF CLARKSON
CONSERVATION BOARD – MINUTES

February 10, 2010

Board Members

Brian Lemon – Chairperson
Stacy Peck *
Michael Beadling
Sue Beck
Juliann Dean

Support Board Members

Richard Olson, Town Attorney
Ursula Liotta, Building Department Coordinator
*excused

CALL TO ORDER

B. Lemon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Juliann Dean as the newly appointed member to the board, and stated that the board has transitioned in the last year and now has three new members. B. Lemon further stated that our role is to look over projects in the town and give recommendations to the referring board (Town Board, Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals, as lead agencies) so that the projects may move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review SEQR re: proposed local law for Wind Energy Facilities

The board's purpose in this matter was to complete a generic long "SEQR Environmental Assessment Form, Part 2- Project Impacts and Their Magnitude" with regard to the town as a whole. S. Beck, as chairperson of the Wind Generator Committee, gave a background of the proposed local law and the three categories for proposed wind generators, i.e. small < 35'; medium 35'-100'; large 100'-400'.

S. Beck stated that the law requires that a generic SEQR be completed by the Conservation Board, with the Town Board as lead agency. The board members reviewed the form, item by item, and will recommend to the Town Board that a "**B. ... CONDITIONED negative declaration ... be prepared**".

OTHER

1. Presentation re: Forestry Grant, by Andrew Pleninger, Urban Forestry, LLC

At the Town Board meeting of January 12, 2010, Urban Forestry LLC was awarded a contract in the amount of \$11,830 with 50% of the total being reimbursed by NYS with a grant received by the Town. The first task for Urban Forestry LLC is to conduct a full tree inventory within the Town's right-of-way, and to complete a tree risk survey of the street trees. Subsequently, it was suggested by Supervisor Paul Kimball and Highway Superintendent David Goodwin, that the Conservation Board be involved with the project.

A. Pleninger was invited to attend this meeting; he introduced himself and explained his work background with the City of Rochester. He stated that the Town of Clarkson is a much different venue, however, he believes that the Town Board's vision is to make the town environmentally and visually better. D. Goodwin was also present for the meeting, and he explained the background to Supervisor Kimball's vision, and that it has been in the "works" for a couple of years; and that the inventory and tree risk survey are pre-requisites to applying for a grant to actually plant new trees.

A. Pleninger stated that once the inventory is completed, he would guide the Conservation Board through the next process, i.e. how to proceed and what type of design to follow; that the CB needs to come up with a vision for beautification. As part of the discussion, it was suggested that the first focus should be the community areas, the parks, the Hamlets; and that the comprehensive plan needs to be taken into consideration as well.

A. Pleninger will move forward with the tree inventory and tree risk survey, and this board will continue to discuss the proposed tree planting plan at future meetings.

NEXT MEETING: March 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula M. Liotta
Building Department Coordinator