

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

MINUTES OF MEETING – January 25, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Town of Elma Conservation Board, hereinafter referred to as the ECB, was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 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 William Jackson
Member Laurence Daley
Member Kenneth Schroeder
Member Jim Malczewski
Recording Secretary Kerry Galuski

ABSENT:

Member Michael Sobczak

I APPROVE MINUTES – December 28, 2010

Motion to approve minutes of December 28, 2010 made by Jim Malczewski and second by Ray Boy. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

II UPDATE ON LAND INVENTORY PROJECT

A. Review Elma parcel maps

Checking with Joe Ghosen on an updated version of the GIS system, also check with the County to see if they have a new version. Kerry will have Kandy help with updating the assessment information on the GIS system and correcting the parcels in town.

III CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Follow up - Cost Benefit Model

Ray's report is as fine tuned as it is going to get and is a finished report. Ray went over the figures for Diane Held from American Farmland Trust. Bryant spoke about providing more numbers to present to the School Board.

IV PROPOSED CONSERVATION EASEMENT LEGISLATION

A. Update on LCE Draft Legislation

The school board has approved the Town for the next agenda on February 9 at 7:00 pm at the Middle School cafeteria. We have only five minutes to discuss the easement program and why it should be approved by the school board. Bryant thought that along with the numbers that Ray ran he should also include the other study on the PDR that Ray did for the presentation. Diane suggested having parameters on the program just in case someone asked about it. Currently

there are only a few home owners in Elma that had showed an interest in the easement program. Bill suggested that the presentation be kept simple and not to over load the school board with information. Bryant will do the presentation on behalf of the Town and Conservation Board. Bryant should possibly have back up information with him just in case he is asked for supporting documents. Do an executive summary page and keep the information simple at this presentation. Bryant will have copies of the Local Law, the easement and the booklets that we done at the beginning to hand out as well in the meeting.

V NEW CONSERVATION IDEAS

A. Speaker

Bryant had Diane Held from the American Farmland Trust attend the meeting to hear what we were presenting to the School Board. Diane handed out information that would be beneficial to the board in the future and spoke about other opportunities that the Conservation Board could get involved with. Bill asked Diane about other grants that would be available to get and what kind of support Diane group would have for the Town of Elma. Bill suggested reaching out to the farmers that are left in Elma and make them aware of ways to preserve their land.

B. North Star Easement

Kerry is going to check with Joe Colern and Phyllis as to the North Star Easement and what the Conservation Board's role is with this easement.

C. Book Project

Tabling this idea until the easement program is complete.

D. Visitor

Fred Streif spoke about a board he is on and what the conservation board would like to see. Penn Dixie is sponsoring a program that could be beneficial to the Town. Also the group is involved with storm water with the County to improve water quality. Fred is going to keep us update as to the items the group is suggesting or working on.

VI FYI

Building Inspector's Report – December 2010
Elma Planning Board Minutes – Town Web Site
Elma Town Board Minutes – Town Web Site
Elma Zoning Board Minutes – Town Web Site

VII ADJOURN

Motion made by Bill Jackson and second by Ray Boy to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM.
Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Galuski,
ECB Recording Secretary