Conservation Advisory Board (CAB) of Grand Island Minutes from Nov 16, 2017 Meeting

Attendance:

CAB members - Sam Akinbami, Jeffrey Green, Edward Standora, Robert Wynne, Ron Rezabek, Paul Yaeger, Diane Evans, Alice Gerard, and Ray Billica. Suzanne Tomkins was excused. Guest - Town Council member Beverly Kinney.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Approved minutes from November 2, 2017. Motion by Ron to accept minutes as read, seconded by Bob, unanimous vote to approve.

There was a short discussion on the revised Grand Island Tree Ordinance presented by Ed. The Ordinance was approved by Ron with noted changes and seconded by Alice. Diane to send the Grand Island Tree Ordinance to the town board for inclusion in one of the upcoming workshops.

A potential solar project was discussed. Diane to invite a GI Engineering Department representative to a future CAB meeting to provide more information.

Ron provided an update on the Erie County Water Quality grant for septic systems. The request was to be used for additional information to be sent to households with septic systems. He also noted NYS has made changes and approved additional financial assistance for some homeowners with septic systems.

Jeff informed the CAB that a UB group interested in expanding the use of reusable bags would like to attend a CAB meeting to introduce themselves.

Diane provided a comprehensive plan update. She presented some initial suggestions to the CAB and would like the CAB to work on a section to be included in the comprehensive plan. The general sections discussed were: Trees, Water, Land and Open Space, Conservation of Resources, Air Quality, and Other. The CAB is to review and provide comments and/or enhancements for discussion at the next meeting.

Ray Billica – Town Board Liaison, provided an update on street lighting. Grand Island is researching into a potential buy out of the lease from National Grid with a potential to replace street lighting with solar lighting. Solar lighting would eliminate the need to purchase electricity for the 200 plus street lights and be another step toward making Grand Island greener.

The next meeting is December 14th.

Motion to adjourn was made by Ed and seconded by Bob with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted by, Paul Yaeger.