Meeting Minutes July, 26 2018

Members present: Jeff Green, Suzanne Tomkins, Bob Wynne, Jim Czalpa, Sam Akinbami, Alice Gerard, Tom Burke, Mike Madigan.

Excused: Ron Rezabek, Ed Standora, Paul Yaeger

Visitors: Nicole Gerber, Bob Eddy.

Meeting called to order (7:06 Jeff Green).

Minutes from June 28 meeting approved (moved by Bob, seconded Sam) carried 7-0.

1. RFQQ Update: Board reviewed Open Space Inventory Agreement to be entered into by Town of Grand Island and Western New York Land Conservancy. The Agreement specifies a five phase series of tasks leading to a completed OSI (Open Space inventory). The vendor (WNYLC) to receive payment of $3000.00 (within 30 days) upon completion of each phase of the project. Motion: Moved by Jeff (seconded Bob) CAB will forward the document to the Western New York Land Conservancy. Carried 7-0.

2. Jeff Green: Announced that he has been involved in discussion with an Air Quality Specialist from DEC regarding Tonawanda Coke and will attempt to arrange a presentation on the matter, although Jeff cautions that specifics of the case may be off limits due to pending litigation. Discussion on this matter ensued.

3. Solar Array: Mike Madigan stated that his proposed town law limiting wetlands disruption on solar farms is proceeding and will likely be presented at August meetings of Planning Board and CAB. Discussion on the matter among CAB members.

4. Tree Ordinance: Jeff Green informed CAB that several CAB members had attended a meeting with Lori Brockelbank of Davey Tree Resource Group to discuss revisions to the draft tree ordinance. Jeff stated that the ordinance is being refined.

5. Town Board: Mike Madigan Informed CAB that a new development proposal for the Southpointe property will be forthcoming. Discussion followed concerning wastewater plant capacity and the impact of a large development in a (currently) non-sewered district to that capacity.

Scenic Woods: Mike Madigan stated that original plan for trail development in Scenic Woods called for an expenditure of $400,000.00 with approx. $84,000.00 coming from Town funds and the balance being grant funded. Now, following recommendations from DEC the estimated cost will be $825,000.00 and no grant funding will be available.

6. Jim Czalpa: Initiated a discussion as to whether SEQR had been submitted for Whitehaven Solar Array. In line with this discussion Tom Burke presented documents relating to a public hearing to create a mining overlay district necessary for the excavation of a +or- 1.9 acre
pond on two adjoining lots Staley Road. The landowner also intends to set up a wetlands mitigation bank on one of the properties. Question arose as to why these matters hadn’t been referred to CAB for comment prior to public hearings and/or approval.

Motion: Moved by Sam (seconded Tom) That all projects requiring SEQR be referred to CAB (for comment) prior to a declaration. Carried 7-0.

7. Alice Gerard: Announced that she is completing her master naturalist training and that Sharon Bachman of Cornell Cooperative Extension would like to receive suggestions for projects.

8. Jeff Green: Suggested that in planning for the Fall that CAB continue with tree ordinance and consider revisiting plastic bag ordinance.

9. Motion to adjourn (Bob moved, seconded by Alice) carried 7-0. adj. 8:23pm.