Meeting Minutes  
Grand Island Conservation Advisory Board  
April 25, 2019

Attendance:  Present: Alice Gerard, Jeff Green, Bob Wynne, Paul Yaeger, Suzanne Tomkins, Ed Standora, Sam Akinbami, Tom Burke(alternate), Mike Madigan (Town Board liaison)  
Excused: Jim Czapla, Diane Evans

Guests:  Michael Pelone, Richard Haight, Advanced Design Group

- Jeff Green, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- A motion was made by Suzanne, passed by all to accept the March Minutes with a spelling correction.

Guest Speaker:  
Richard Haight, Advanced Design Group, presented information on the proposed development, Island Meadows. It is a development of 22 homes. The parcel includes an EED, necessitating a response from the CAB. In addition there are DEC and federal wetlands plus a creek flowing adjacent to the parcel. He explained that 2 sites will include the EED and will have deed restrictions protecting the impacted area. The areas will have monumentation. Monumentation is a possibility to delineate the wetlands as well. A retainer pond will be dug adjacent to the creek. There is a “mow line” that will be marked as well.

Discussion/ Action Related to Guest Speaker: 

1. Jeff discussed the addition of 2 trees planted in the front yard of each lot pursuant to the Town Code. Richard requested information on appropriate trees for planting. Jeff also discussed a pipe that will flow from the pond to the creek and requested that it not impact the creek bed.
2. There was general discussion regarding the issue of how to enforce the deed restrictions. It was acknowledged that it would be the Zoning Officer’s responsibility.
3. After the conclusion of the presentation Bob made a motion, seconded by Sam, to have the CAB submit a Letter of Advisement to the Town Board memorializing our concerns and suggestions regarding the development.

Announcements/Communications:

1. Jeff provided an update on the Tree Ordinance. He reviewed a conversation with the Town Attorney who suggested several changes regarding enforcement. Once the review by the attorney is finalized it will be sent to the Town Board.
2. The CAB has 2 events scheduled - May 4th A Celebration of Trees at the High School and May 16th an event with Waterkeeper and the DEC to discuss projects on Grand Island.
3. Jeff led a discussion on the development of Open Space Inventory Priorities in conjunction with the project underway with the WNY Land Conservancy. If a property contains more than one of the twelve characteristics, priority will be given to that lot.
4. Mike Madigan provided the Town Board Report. He will be making a resolution to the Board to change the Town Code to require the CAB to provide input when a proposed development has environmental issues. He also discussed the sewer district expansion as it relates to the proposed
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: May 23

Respectfully Submitted, Suzanne Tomkins