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Conservation Advisory Board of Grand Island
July 25, 2019 Meeting

Present: Bob Wynne, Alice Gerard, Jeff Green, Forrest Crawford, Tom Burke, Paul Yaeger, Diane Evans, Jim Czapla, Mike Madigan (liaison). Excused: Suzanne Tomkins, Ed Standora, Sam Akinbami. Alternates Tom Burke and Forrest Crawford can vote tonight. Guests: Bob Eddy, Ruthy Field

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Consent Agenda – Bob moved to accept minutes of June meeting. Tom seconded. Carried: 8 to 0

2. Tree Ordinance
At the last Planning Board meeting the draft was not approved. At a recent Town Board workshop meeting the Town Board referred the draft back to CAB and requested we meet with reps from the other boards to address concerns. Those boards are: Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB), Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (Parks), and Planning Board (PB), and also Code Enforcement (Ron Milks). The following dates were chosen: July 31, Aug. 1, or Aug. 7. 7:00 pm at Town Hall. Diane will send email invites to chairs of these boards, and Ron Milks, and request responses. Date with most able to attend will be selected. Most recent version of the draft will be sent with invite.

At the upcoming meeting we will need an agenda with bullet points to focus our discussion on the concerns of the proposed law. Jeff will prepare and send to us. Two sticking points seem to be the perceived impact on private landowners and the establishment of a tree advisory board. We need to clarify these further.

3. Southpointe Development - Mike reported that the Town Board needs to approve three things before development can move forward. One, the 1998 SEQR (which had a negative declaration) needs to be examined and re-confirmed. Two, the requested sewage expansion of District 7 needs
to be approved. A study has been approved to be conducted. Three, the Development Concept Plan needs to be accepted. This property is 284 acres, and has 67 wetlands according to a 2014 delineation. Jeff will invite the developers to come to our next meeting to present their plans. There are concerns about runoff. Bob Westfall and Town Board will be copied on the invitation.

4. **Open Space Inventory (OSI)** – Rachel reported to Jeff that things are moving along as planned. She asked if there are any parcels where rare plants or animals might be living. We discussed how to search for this information. We were encouraged to find out what we can.

5. **Town Board Report** – Mike reported that a meeting was held about Grass Island’s restoration project. Town officials attended, as well as Dave Spiering and staff, and boaters. After sending down divers to see exactly where the sewage outflow pipe was the plan was revised. The revision allows for some additional space at the south end of the island for use by recreational boaters.

6. **Announcements/News/Comments** – Reminder that Paddles Up and Grand Island’s Summer Fest is Saturday, July 27. August 14, the first draft of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) will be presented at a public information meeting. Meeting is 6:30 at the High School. A new round of DEC funding for tree inventories and management plans will be opening soon. The Town intends to apply again. We have been denied funding for the last two rounds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. Bob moved, Alice seconded. Carried 8-0

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Evans
Secretary

*Next Meeting is August 22, 2019*