Town of Grand Island Conservation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes March 28, 2019

Members present: Ed Standora, Suzanne Tomkins, Paul Yeager, Bob Wynne, Jim Czapla, Jeff Green, Alice Gerard, Sam Akinbami, Tom Burke (alternate).Michael Madigan (liaison to Town Board)

Excused: Diane Evans

Visitors: Nicole Gerber, Bob Eddy, David Reilly, Council member Bev Kinney, Jenn Pusatier, Nancy Smith and Rachel Chrostowski (from WNYLC).

Meeting called to order (7:45 Jeff Green).

Waived reading and approval of past meeting minutes to accommodate representatives from WNYLC (Nancy Smith and Rachel Chrostowski) who attended to discuss the Open Space Inventory the Conservancy is conducting to fulfill their contract with the Town of Grand Island.

WNYLC: Discussion ensued concerning parcel analysis being undertaken as preliminary step. Rachel Chrostowski (WNYLC) stated that the CAB should provide direction in terms of establishing prioritization of parcels to be included and the specific details to be looked at and included in the further analysis.

1 Jeff Green: Stated that parcel analyses must be detailed enough to identify precisely what environmental features are contained within that parcel.

2 Mike Madigan: Stated that from Town Board's perspective, specific detailed information (as to environmental features) is crucial in making future planning decisions.

3 Mike Madigan: Suggested that parcels over 10 acres in size must be included in the inventory but that smaller parcels having significant environmental features should also be included.
4. Rachel Chrostowski: Advised that she would add wetland overlays to all parcels and treat wetlands as parcels in their own right when the wetlands overlapped parcel boundaries.

5. Jeff Green: Following discussion recommended that CAB discuss prioritization of parcels and environmental features to be identified within those parcels at the April 25, 2019 meeting. Rachel Chrostowski would then return to the May meeting for input and direction from the CAB.

Tree Ordinance: Jeff Green stated that the final draft of the tree ordinance represents input from all boards and interested parties and is a document reflecting all the concerns expressed.

Motion: Bob Wynne That the tree ordinance draft document now be submitted to the Town Board for approval 2nd Jim Czapla.

Motion approved: Ayes 9, nay 0).

Mike Madigan: Suggested arranging interviews to select an alternate member to CAB. April 16th 2019 at 5pm was agreed upon as a tentative date to conduct interviews.

Alice Gerard: Informed CAB members of the passing of Gary McDaniel (former member of CAB).

Bev Kinney: Congratulated CAB chair Jeff Green on receiving the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce Educator of the year award for 2019!!

Motion to adjourn Alice 2nd Bob, meeting adjourned 9:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Burke