Meeting Minutes-Revised
Grand Island Conservation Advisory Board
February 23, 2017

**Attendance:** Ed Standora, Diane Evans, Alice Gerard, Jeff Green, Bob Wynne, Paul Yaeger, Ray Billica and Ron Rezabek were present. Suzanne Tomkins and Sam Akinbami were excused.

**Guest Speaker:** Robert Starzynski, Planning Board

- Chair Diane Evans called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- A motion was made by Alice Gerard, seconded by Jeff Green and passed by all to accept the January Minutes as amended

**Announcements/Communications:**
- Paul Yaeger and Bob Wynne were welcomed as our new members. Each gave us a brief description of their background, conservation experience and interests.
- Saturday, April 29th an Arbor Day celebration, planting of trees in Town Commons
- i Map training is set for Saturday, May 6, from 10am to 3pm, Grand Island Library.
- Diane reviewed future meeting dates, 4th Thursday, except Nov. & Dec.:
  - March 23 August 24
  - April 27 September 28
  - May 25 October 26
  - June 22 November 16 (3rd Thurs.)
  - July 27 December 14 or 21?
- Grand Island has a new Solar Law
- Salamander meeting is tonight at 7pm

**Guest Speaker:** Robert Starzynski, gave us a detailed review of the planning process and their discussions when they review a development concept or plan.

1. Most begin with the developer bringing a concept idea about a potential project for initial vetting
2. Fully Engineered plans – rare, but does happen.
3. Many ideas are partially Engineered – discussion with Board about moving ideas closer to more solid potential.
4. Town Engineering provides upfront guidance to developers based on town requirements.
5. Many developers are looking for code reviews or exceptions to help their project.
7. Currently no tree ordinances – discussion of potential fit of a beautification strategy.
8. SEQR some developments require approval either long or short form.

**Adjournment:** Ed Standora moved to adjourn; Bob Wynne seconded the motion, approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm and off we went to greet the Salamanders.

**Next meeting:** March 23, 2017