Meeting Minutes
Grand Island Conservation Advisory Board
March 23, 2017

Attendance: Present: Diane Evans, Alice Gerard, Jeff Green, Bob Wynne, Paul Yaeger, Ray Billica, Suzanne Tomkins, Ron Rezabek
Excused: Ed Standora, Sam Akinbami

Guests: Nicole Gerber, Bob Eddy, Jim Ehde

- 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 February Minutes.

Announcements/Communications:
- Paul Yaeger and Bob Wynne were introduced as new members.
- Sharon Osgood declined to be a member.
- Diane discussed the need to rebuild the CAB page on the Town's website. Ray will look into the migration of the material from the old to the new website. The recording secretary will submit minutes to Cyndy Montana and Patty Frentzel. Robert will periodically check the CAB page for content.
- Alice will represent the CAB at the Planning Committee meeting April 10.
- Ray reported that the Town Board has announced a 9-month moratorium on the issuance of Special Use Permits if the property is within an Agricultural District.
- Saturday, April 29th an Arbor Day celebration is planned featuring planting of trees in Town Commons. CAB members are invited to attend.
- Map training is set for Saturday, May 6, from 10am to 3pm, Grand Island Library. CAB members will publicize the event and assist with registration.
- Nicole Gerber (guest) reported on the educational program, Living With Coyotes, held the previous evening at Huth Road School. Approximately 120 attended.
- A list of questions/concerns for response to Planning Board will be circulated in draft form for further discussion. Jeff will email draft to CAB.
- Diane reported on the brainstorming session conducted by the Tonawanda Coke Health Study Steering Committee.

Guest Speaker: Jim Ehde, owner of Grand Island Waste Management, continued discussion regarding issues related to septic tanks and water quality on GI.

Discussion/Action Related to Guest Speaker:
1. Ray suggested the CAB provide information on septic tank inspection in the upcoming GI Water Quality Report. Alice offered to draft an article for submission to the Report.
2. Diane suggested the formation of a sub-committee with representatives from CAB, Riverkeeper, Erie County Health Department and GI Town Government to research and report on water quality issues.
3. Ray will discuss related legal issues with John Whitney and Dan Spitzer.

Adjournment: Alice Gerard moved to adjourn; Diane Evans seconded the motion, approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next meeting: April 23, 2017

Respectfully submitted: Suzanne Tomkins