Conservation Advisory Board of Grand Island
Minutes from September 28, 2017 Meeting

1. Attendance: Sam Akinbami, Sue Tomkins, Jeff Green, Ray Billica, Ed Standora, Robert Wynne, Ron Rezabek, Paul Yaeger, Diane Evans. Alice Gerard was excused. Guests were: Nicole Gerber, Bob Eddy, and Matt Shilling.

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Diane Evans.
Bob Wynne and Diane Evans will attend next Planning Board meeting, Oct. 10.

2. Approved minutes from July 27, 2017, and August 24, 2017. There was discussion about recording individual names on votes cast for motions. Motion was made: In future, votes cast for motions will be recorded numerically, not by name.
Sam made the motion, seconded by Sue. Yes votes: 7, no votes 1. Carried.

3. Motion was made to change meeting dates in November and December due to holidays. November 16 and December 14 will be our next two meetings.
Motion made by Ron, seconded by Bob. Yes votes: 8, No: 0. Carried.
Diane will contact Emily Wynne about date changes for Town calendar.

4. Discussion of draft Tree Ordinance.

Our long term goal is to create and maintain a diversity of species, to ameliorate the impact of future threats to trees on Grand Island.

We reviewed changes made to pages 1-3. We had much discussion about pages 4-7 including: permits, applications for such, fees, the role of the Tree Advisory Subcommittee, and clarifying what “topping” is. Ed will make changes in the document to reflect our suggestions. He will send it out to us before our next meeting. After we have the wording the way we want it, we will distribute to some key people to get feedback.

We talked about items the Tree Advisory Subcommittee could/should eventually provide: suggested tree species for re-plantings, how to start a tree fund for planting, education about trees, site-plan landscaping, and regulations about nails, or attachments made to trees that might damage them.

5. Ray Billica informed us that he and Nathan Taylor (Town grant-writer) have been drafting a grant application for the continued education, and publication of education materials, about septic systems. These grants are provided by LEWPA. Thanks to Ray for spear-heading this. It will be for about $3500.

6. Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55. Sue moved, Bob seconded. Carried with 8 votes.
Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Evans