Conservation Advisory Board (CAB)
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2016

Call to order: 7:04 pm by Chair Diane Evans

Attendance: Sam Akinbami (SA); Ray Billica (RB); Diane Evans (DE); Alice Gerard (AG); Jeff Green (JG); Ron Rezabek (RR); Mary Rossi (MR); Ed Standora; Suzanne Tomkins (ST); Dorothy Westhafer (DW)

1. Approval of Minutes
   AG motion to accept March 24, 2016 minutes; 2nd by DE; all in favor.

2. Announcements/Communications

3. Welcome and Introductions
   Sean Hopkins, counsel for developer of Gun Creek Planned Development District (PDD) presented the basic configuration of the project. The parcel is 100 acres; 49 units are planned for Phase I; construction will include patio homes, single family homes and townhouses. The project has been redesigned to 2015 standards for its New York State SPDES Construction Permit for Stormwater Discharges. Phase II will follow Phase I very closely. There are jurisdictional wetlands on-site; less than 1 acre will be impacted and mitigation will take place.

4. Town Board Report
   RB noted he will see that projects the CAB should review will be directed for that purpose.

5. Old Business
   a. Letter to Town Board: ATV Damage on Snowmobile Trails
      DE thanked JG for drafting the letter to the Town Board.
   b. Further discussion of Gun Creek PDD
      DE reported reaching out to Bob Westfall, Assistant Town Engineer, regarding the process by which projects are reviewed. Bob is amenable to attending a CAB meeting in the future to discuss. SA suggested, Paul Leuchner be invited to attend as well. JG suggested the CAB look into obtaining the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the SEQR process. RB will inquire as to whether the CAB can receive a copy of the EIS for review.
   c. Living Shoreline along Linear Bike Path
      Alice, Diane and Sue met with Tom Dworak to set parameters for the no-mow zone. Tom noted that all volunteers must sign a release and Town tools cannot be used for the project.
d. Revised trapping law
RB reported the trapping issue has been blown out of proportion. The Town Board has decided to return the issue to the relevant Town advisory boards for further consideration because the advisory boards were presented with one side of the debate only. The Town Board has asked whether the CAB would like to reconsider their position.
Current position of Town Board: Town law will be amended to include no trapping in Town parks (just like hunting). Trapping will be allowed on other Town property but individuals must obtain a permit from the Town.
JG noted many other towns have struggled with similar issues on trapping. Some have opted to ban specific types of trapping devices.
Several members of the CAB stressed the importance of including a nuisance clause in legislation regarding the trapping issue.
RR noted he is favor of trappers obtaining a permit.

DE made a motion the Town Board ban trapping in Town parks and require a permit to trap on other Town land; 2nd by ES; 8 in favor; 1 not in favor.

e. Spicer Creek Grant Proposal by Riverkeeper
DE reported Emily Sadowski submitted a grant proposal for work on Spicer Creek. The proposal is for $11,000 to fund coordination of issues the CAB has brought to Riverkeepers attention regarding Spicer Creek.

f. EAB Education Program May 3, 2016
DE reviewed planning accomplished to date: all is set with speakers, tree service providers, door prizes, AV equipment and hand outs. JG has the AV and facility arrangements set. JG will inquiere about tables for tree service providers.

g. Grant Proposal for Septic System Education Program
MR reported submitting a proposal to the Lake Erie Watershed Protection Alliance for $2,500 to offset expenses associated with planning and executing two septic system education workshops on Grand Island. Funds can be used for mailing, printing, advertising and door prizes.

5. New Business
No new business

6. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn at 8:54 pm by AG; 2nd by SA; all in favor.

Next meeting: May 26, 2016