

TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2021

Board Members Present: Co-Chair Diane Dreier, Patrick François, Robert Waterhouse, Justin Pruyne, Kim Hughes - Secretary

Board Members Absent: Peter Alduino, Co-Chair Phyllis Bock

Guests: Robyn Steinburg

Pat Francois called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting took place via Zoom Conference Call.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: Done

Communications Received: None

Chair Persons Report: None

Reports from Other Committees: None

New Business:

- **1039 Underhill Avenue: Lajqi**

The Conservation Board discussed the renovation and expansion of a single - family home located at 1039 Underhill Avenue with Joe Riina of Site Designs. The Conservation Board has no objection to the Town Board approving the application submitted by the applicant for a Stormwater permit.

- **1426 East Main Street: Ecogy**

The Conservation discussed the installation of large scale solar panels located at 1426 East Main Street in Shrub Oak over the existing paved parking spaces with Julia Magliozzo of Ecogy Solar Energy. The system is comprised of four canopy structures over existing parking lot. Canopies 1-3 will be in asphalt area, Canopy 4 will be in a grassy area adjacent to the wetland. Additional panels are on top of the building. Canopy structure 4 support in the rear of the property appears to be in the wetland. The Board recommends this canopy be adjusted so the support is out of the wetland so there will be no disturbance to the wetland. Although this site is disturbed and developed, all the work of the project is in the wetland buffer. The Board requests mitigation for intrusion into buffer. Mitigation should improve the function of the wetland. The Board requests additional screening be provided around the transformer box. Project will remove approximately 10 trees. Tree permit and mitigation is required. The Conservation Board reviewed the planting plan and is satisfied to see non - invasive plant material being used. A joint site visit will be planned with the Planning Board when additional comments will be made.

- **650 Pinesbridge Road**

The Conservation Board discussed subdividing a property located at 650 Pines Bridge Road into three (3) lots and the required mitigation with applicant Alex Cochran. The Board was satisfied with the level of

thought that went into the plan, but questioned why the developer is removing the trees when there is no site plan approval. The removal of the trees in a specific area as shown on the plans seems premature without knowing the potential need of the building site. Clearing these areas limits the saving of specimen trees. The developer indicated that the future owners if they wanted to alter the plan would need to seek new approval. The Board is not in favor of removal of the trees as shown for the building site. If the site is divided and building sites receive site plan approval as shown on the plan, the mitigation is acceptable. The Board recommends only dead and damaged trees be removed at this time. The Board is satisfied with the removal of invasive species suggested. The Board requests areas where invasive species are cleared and grubbed; be stabilized to prevent erosion.

Conservation Board adjourned at 8:19 PM with a motion by Diane Dreier and seconded by Pat Francois.