

TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
February 16, 2022

Board Members Present: Co-Chair Phyllis Bock, Co-Chair Diane Dreier, Peter Alduino, Robert Waterhouse, Justin Pruyne, Kim Hughes - Secretary

Board Members Absent: Patrick François

Guests: Vincenzo Federici, Julia Maglio, Eric Bergman

Phyllis Bock 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

Old Business

1. 356 Jacklyn Lane – DiSisto Property

The Conservation Board discussed a revised tree mitigation plan for 356 Jacklyn Lane with Vincenzo Federici. The plans show added green giant arborvitae in place of non-native spruces. Vincenzo Federici spoke of adding more funds to the tree bank as well. The Conservation Board agrees that the applicant should carry out all the requests of the TCAC.

2. Kitchawan Farm – 716 Kitchawan Road

The Conservation Board discussed a proposed solar farm located at 716 Kitchawan Road with Julia Maglio of Ecology. The applicant has proposed a post construction stormwater management that could overflow into the wetland. The practice has not been fully developed. This measure when developed could intrude into the wetland buffer. Conservation Board would like to see the practice when fully developed to ensure the practice preserves the water quality of the wetland and provides mitigation if needed. The Board agrees with the Tree Advisory Board on providing a variety of screening trees instead of one long row of the same species.

3. Yorktown Rehab and Nursing Center Proposed Solar – 2300 Catherine Street

The Conservation Board discussed Yorktown Rehab and Nursing Center Solar with Julia Maglio of Ecology. Julia Maglio informed the board that a portion of the proposed solar installation for Yorktown Rehabilitation Center covered a sewer line that runs behind the facility. The applicant proposed to site the panels further to the east which would require intrusion into the wetland buffer and removal of 40 trees. The applicant proposes to pay into the tree fund to mitigate for the removal of the trees. No mitigation was indicated for the wetland intrusion. The Conservation Board suggested reducing the number of panels to eliminate the need to intrude into the wetland buffer. This should be further discussed with the Town Engineer.

4. Granite Knolls Park – HESP Solar

The Conservation Board discussed Granite Knolls Solar Project with Eric Redding of Bergman PC. The Conservation Board agrees that there should be a mix of native plantings used in clusters. The Board would like to see an erosion prevention plan post construction. The Board suggests the applicant looking into the Pollinator Habitat Initiative.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm with a motion from Phyllis Bock and second from Diane Dreier.