TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES October 23, 2024

Board Members Present: Co-Chair Diane Dreier, Co-Chair Phyllis Bock, Gerardo Carfagno, Minnie Dineen-Carey, Lisa Rodriguez, Peter Alduino

Diane Dreier called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. The meeting took place in Town Hall Board Room.

Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting: October 9, 2024

Communications Received: None

Chairpersons Report: None

Reports from Other Committees: Lisa Rodriguez gave a report on the Tree Commission meeting.

1. 2145 Hunterbrook Road

Joe Rinia representing applicant discussed the plan for a single family home at 2145 Hunterbrook Road. Presently the site meadow and woods that meet the Hunterbrook Stream. The plan shows the wetland boundary and the wetland buffer. The development would disturb the wetland buffer. Mr. Rinia explained the plan is in the beginning phase development. No mitigation was discussed for disturbance in the buffer. Board members asked about the note on the plan and statement in the Environment Assessment submitted about clear the entire property with a brush-hog mower, chip any fallen trees and cut any trees under an 8" diameter. Mr. Rinia explained the applicant would like a view of the stream. Bosrd members stated removal of young trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants in the riparian corridor, increases the probability of sediment and runoff into the stream. It also removes cover for small animals that use the stream corridor. Use of a brush-hog to clear the entire property would result in significant woodland disturbance.

The Board felt that a site visit is required to provide a comprehensive analysis of the development. A site visit was scheduled for Sunday October 27, 2024, at 10:00am.

2. Chapter 300-Large Scale Solar Energy Moratorium

The Town sent a referral for comments on the moratorium. The Town Board meeting on October 22, 2024, approved the moratorium. The Conservation Board agrees to extend the moratorium.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 pm with a motion from Gerardo Carfagno with a second from Lisa Rodriguez .