

**TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2010**

Present: Co-Chairperson Phyllis Bock, Co-Chairperson Ann Kutter, Walt Daniels, Walter Plankl, John Gembecki, Bob Carroll, Peter Alduino, J. Patrick Francois, Diane Dreier and Secretary Pat Rice
Visitors: Joe Riina, Bruce Donahue, Rick DeCola, Nick Bianco, Vishnu Patel, Paul Moskowitz, Pat Lofaro and Jay Kaplan

Co-Chairperson Ann Kutter called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The meeting took place in the Town Board Room

Chairpersons Report:

Jay Kaplan is interested in joining the Conservation Board and sat in with us at the meeting. We went around the table and introduced him to all present.

The Minutes were accepted by Francois and seconded by Dreier and all were in favor.

Hike Our Preserves Day was discussed and it was stated that going forward, more will be done in the way of advertising and spreading the word through the Town Board at their meetings. It was a success because even though the people that attended were not there for the Hike Our Preserves Day they took our brochures and asked questions.

Kutter gave her report from the Planning Board Meeting.

Regular Session:

Emerald Hills, LLC site visit was discussed and additions were made to the memo that Dreier is working on. She will refer to Rice when completed.

New Business:

Zeal Construction Inc-Applicant or Applicant's Representative not present, a memo will be written that our last memo still stands.

Andrew Shaiken-Excavation Permit-Conservation Board sees no environmental concerns.

3JIK Properties, LLC/Jay Hansmann-Wetland Permit The Conservation Board requests that Bruce Barber verify the wetlands demarcation, if any changes restoration work will be done to the revised boundaries.

The meeting continued with Paul Moskowitz of the Energy Advisory Committee and Pat Lofaro of Environmental Conservation joining us. The issue at hand is the potential to change the garbage pickup to one day a week. Nick Bianco brought up the fact in times like this town's people are not going to want a service such as a pick up taken away. The cost difference (30% which might mean \$50 per household per year) was not that great to warrant it. Paul Moskowitz suggested a questionnaire to go out to the public and asked if one pickup were to

be taken away which would it be. The consensus was that this is not a good idea. Pat Lofaro advised if a pickup is eliminated, it would be the second pickup. He pointed out that the second pickup has been lighter because of the economy. Ann Kutter would like to educate the community to reduce the volume of the waste stream by composting, among other things. It was brought up that Hanover Farms sells composting bins for \$15. Intern programs in the high schools would be an excellent way to start getting the word out. Kids will put the pressure on the adults. She felt that we should be putting our efforts into taking the garbage out of the waste stream. It was also brought up, that grey cardboard should not be recycled, that would include cereal boxes. Pat Lofaro advised that proposals for garbage pickup begin in March 2011 for the year January 2012. That gives us enough time to setup a subcommittee and decide whether we should go forward with this idea or not. Ann Kutter asked if anyone interested in being on this subcommittee and Phyllis Bock, Pat Francois, Ann Kutter and Paul Moskowitz volunteered. Even Jay Kaplan offered his help pending his becoming a member of the Conservation Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm by a motion proposed by Carroll and seconded by Alduino.