

**TOWN OF YORKTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD  
MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2010**

Present: Walter Plankl, Bob Carroll, Ann Kutter, Peter Alduino, Walt Daniels and Patrick Francois

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room

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Since the recent resignation of Mr. Rich Fon and with the absence of Ms. Phyllis Bock, the first order of business was to designate a co-chairperson to manage the meeting. Mr. Francois nominated and Mr. Carroll seconded a motion to name Ms. Ann Kutter as a co-chairperson. The vote was unanimous to do so. Ms. Kutter agreed to recuse herself from any determination that might directly affect her personal interests.

**Chairpersons Report:**

As there was no regular meeting on March 3, 2010, due to lack of a quorum there were no minutes to review.

Some routine communications were circulated.

**Regular Session:**

Mr. Mike Fishman, representing Stearns & Wheeler, LLC, authors of the "Biodiversity Conservation Study" for the Town of Yorktown presented the firm's answers to a list of questions which had been raised about the study. These included corrections of errors, omissions and oversights. Maps of Yorktown were presented detailing the way computer overlays can be used for further study, as well as an explanation of how various matrices could be used to predict areas of concern as new proposals come forward. It was noted that chapters 1, 2, 4 and 6 were unchanged.

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming Costco proposal. Reacting to a newspaper article, it was noted that the proposal may include an automobile fueling station. Lacking a formal proposal, further discussion seemed premature.

Notice was taken of the upcoming Town Board work session with the revised Comprehensive Plan. As only one copy of it was available, the Conservation Board reserved further comment. Several members will likely attend the work session. A public hearing is set for April 6, 2010. Conservation Board members agreed to communicate via e-mail as much as possible due to the lack of time to meet. Communication should be addressed to Ms. Pat Rice for distribution.

A memo will be sent to Mr. Bruce Barber regarding the Stormwater issues.

Several members indicated interest in attending a training workshop upcoming in White Plains, presented by Westchester County, on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. (Prior notice of this was sent to Board members yesterday.)

A proposal by Mr. Ed Pell (who was at the abbreviated March 3 meeting) to promote the return of the American Chestnut tree to the region will be forwarded to the appropriate Town officials for consideration, with the assent of the Conservation Board.

**Zeal Construction Inc.** 1719 Parmly Road-Wetlands Permit

A site visit will be done on March 20, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. to evaluate the site. Mr. Walt Daniels, who is familiar with the area, will lead the visit.

**New Business:**

**Fusco – Minor subdivision** (3477 Stoney Street)

The major issues at this site are the grading of a driveway to the proposed new home site and the stormwater management. A site visit will be made following the visit to the Parmly Road site (above).

**Le Grand Yorktown – Zoning board referral**

No representative was present to offer details. The proposal consisted of a letter from the proponent and some photographs illustrating proposed usage at the site. (Storage containers, vehicles and equipment were depicted.) A memo will be sent to the Zoning Board explaining that more information is needed, along with concerns about storage of hazardous materials to close to the Croton Reservoir.

**Hilltop Associated – subdivision**

This proposal has been before the Board in recent years. The proposal is to build 3 homes on the parcel. As many of the current Board members were not aware of the site, a visit to it will follow the ones above, with a tentative time of 11:00 a.m.

**Adjournment**

It was moved/seconded/passed to adjourn at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. Patrick Francois