

CAB MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 4, 2006

Members Present: Leonard Janiga -Chairman
Ralph Burch
Dave Muench
Bud Pearce
Roger Gustavel
Warren Cullen, Sr.

Members Absent: Jim Heinrich

Also in attendance for a portion of the meeting: Supervisor John Foss,
Councilman Specht

Leonard Janiga opens the meeting @ 6:37PM.

Supervisor Foss requested the floor to express several concerns with the CAB such as meeting minutes recording and reporting, a renewed focus on the PACE program, and the CAB's involvement in community development. He addressed the CAB members for over 1 hour. The full contents of this discussion are on file and a copy can be requested at the Town Hall.

Leonard Janiga asked Supervisor Foss if he would provide the CAB with a list of what he wants the CAB to do. Supervisor Foss agreed to get things together and address it with the town board. Leonard remarked, "That way we could be on the same page." Supervisor Foss said to allow him a couple of months and he would have it for us.

After Supervisor Foss left the meeting, Leonard asked for approval of last month's minutes. Dave Muench suggested striking the word "allegedly" from the minutes as it could be misinterpreted as to its meaning.

The members discussed the need to proof read and respond regarding things they don't agree with in the proposed minutes. It was agreed that when members see something that they don't like, they need to respond to Leonard or Roger.

Bud Pearce made a motion to strike "allegedly" from the line, "Ralph questions discussion from last month's meetings regarding the Pace Grant application that was allegedly lost in the mail." All voted in favor to approve the minutes as amended.

The members went on to discuss the March town informational meeting regarding the proposed B1 zone change for the Rohl property @ Clinton & Two Rod Rds. and the upcoming meeting in April.

Len gave an update on his Kolbe property, that was declined (for PACE). It was determined to be not farmable by the town board. He invited us all to stop

in to see that the land there has been worked and fitted for planting. He also added that the town code enforcement officer of the Town of Marilla called the DEC to report that he was filling wetlands. Leonard claims they weren't filling wetlands, they cleared farmland. He stated that the FSA charts that keep track of the farmland show 18 acres of tillable land. He cleared 18 of the 37 acres and that is what they will farm there. Leonard stated that he just wanted everyone to know that this is prime farmland and disagrees with those who think it is not.

Leonard also reported that he has received another survey in the mail from the town attorney regarding his 2000 PACE application on his Jamison Rd. property. This is the 5th one since December 2005. There is more paperwork from his attorney and needs to discuss with him what he would like to do regarding his PACE purchase.

The members discussed what they may do to further pursue the PACE program in town but feel that it is limited by the requirements and the limited amount of large tracts available, however we agreed to investigate further.

Roger reported to the members that he recently attended a meeting "Wetlands Conservation Conversation" sponsored by multiple groups at University of Buffalo. There were speakers from various agencies discussing the value of wetlands to our environment. Roger had the opportunity to discuss conservation easements with Bill Hudson of the WNY Land Conservancy. He stated that possibly the CAB could seek out landowners that might be interested in preserving their land that is not prime farmland through other types of conservation easements. Some people have expressed interest in keeping their land undeveloped and possibly we could work towards that.

Roger also told the members that regarding wetlands, he was told at the UB meeting that the wetland maps used by most towns are not current and with action can be updated to help conserve more wetlands.

Leonard remarked that would be unlikely to happen because the DEC is short handed now and the Farm Bureau would likely fight amendments to resize wetlands.

Leonard also presented a copy of a letter from Supervisor Foss to David Behm regarding the Kolbe property, stating that a third of the property is wetlands and debated with Councilman Specht regarding the amount of wetlands on the property.

Ralph motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roger seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted by Roger Gustavel.