

**TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: December 4, 2007

1. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Jim Heinrich, Joe Lankes; Warren Cullen Sr., Dave Coder, Pat Blarr,

2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Heinrich moved and Pat Blarr seconded the approval of minutes from the CAB meeting held on October 30, 2007.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Reports from Officers and Members

CAB received the following updates from Roger Gustavel:

- Jason Engel, Town Consultant, informed Roger (via phone) that the PACE/Foss property closed. This transaction took only 13 months to close.

Town Council Rep Present: Fred Specht arrived at 6:40 pm

Bud Pearce arrived at 6:42 pm

- Jason Engel also informed Roger that in regards to the PACE application for the Airey property, the state will contact the town next month as to its status (approved or denied).
- Jason Engel also informed Roger that the State Ag & Markets together with the town would like to arrange a celebration in the spring.
- Roger reminded all members that if their membership expires 12/31/07 they need to compose a letter addressed to the town board stating their desire to remain on this board, if so desired. Warren Cullen's membership expires. He stated he is not interested in continuing his membership at this time. At this point an error was found in the October 30th minutes. These minutes were amended.
- Roger requested a motion to amend the Oct. 30th minutes. Jim Heinrich moved and Warren seconded the motion to amend.

AYES: 7 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

- Roger obtained information regarding the Elma Conservation Easement Plan. That town is experiencing legal problems with the State Office of Real Properties. The Elma Town Supervisor is working on resolving those issues. The six properties in the Plan are on hold for now. The Town of Elma has created a separate counsel/board for land development.

Orchard Park also has a Conservation Program and that town is experiencing legal problems, as well.

- Roger requested that the 2007 Annual Report and 2008 Goals & Objectives be available to the Town Board members for their Dec. 13th meeting.
- In regards to the PACE portfolio, Dave Coder called John Whitney to gather statistics of the PACE program. John has not returned the call. Dave will try again. Warren will bring his photos to our next meeting to include in the PACE portfolio.
- In regards to Jason Engel's services, it was agreed that CAB would utilize Jason on an as-needed basis.

Warren excused himself from the meeting at 7:08 pm.

5. New Business

- "Right to Farm" signs – Roger found a business that produced the signs for Elma: Richard-Cin Signs & Supplies, Inc.
9721 Trevett Road; PO Box 385; Boston, NY 14025 (716) 941-9177
Cost: \$13.95; Size 18" x 12"
Roger informed CAB that the town has to be very careful WHERE these signs are posted. The State is very strict if the signs are posted on State property posts. Location of signs should be determined by Town Board and Highway Superintendent. Much discussion ensued regarding where these signs could be placed; what they should look like, etc. CAB's suggestions included:
 - a sign that reads "A Right to Farm Community" attached to current "Welcome to Marilla" sign posts.
 - investigating the feasibility of replacing the current "Town of Marilla" signs with new signs to read: "Welcome to Marilla; A Right to Farm Community" possibly with the signs being in the shape of a barn and silo (rather than a plain rectangle.)Roger will contact the Richard-Cin Company for information on this new design. Jim will contact the Erie County Sign Department for this information in order to compare prices. CAB will then make our suggestions to the board after we have gathered the necessary information.

6. Adjournment

Roger asked for a motion to adjourn: Jim Heinrich moved and Dave Coder seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk