

**TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 7, 2008

1. Call to Order

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

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Joe Lankes, Dave Coder, Bud Pearce, Jay Walkowiak and Pat Blarr

Fred Specht, Town Council Rep

2. Approval of Minutes

Dave moved and Pat seconded the approval of minutes from meeting held on January 15, 2007.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

3. Reports

- Fred passed out the letter invitation from George Gertz, Town Supervisor, to attend the celebration of the most recent addition to the PACE program. All members were encouraged to attend.
- Roger updated CAB in regards to the Elma Conservation Easement Plan. Fred mentioned that the town board would look into possibly participating in a similar plan for Marilla if an appropriate piece of land came up.
- Dave communicated with John Whitney in regards to the three maps for the PACE/PDR portfolios. He also communicated with John in regards to GIS functionality. Dave will continue to work with John. Dave will communicate with Kandy Wittmeyer, Town Assessor. Dave will get a cost and report back to CAB.

4. Old Business

- Right to Farm Signs – Roger informed CAB of the following:
Richard-Cin Signs cost for “Right to Farm Law” wording, 18x12 inch low intensity \$13.95 each; high intensity \$18.50 each.
Cost for “Entering a Right to Farm Community” wording, 24x15 inch low intensity \$24.95 each; high intensity \$32.95 each.
Roger will get another quote from Garland Graphics.
Roger informed CAB that the current “Welcome to Marilla” signs are on posts with other signs and adding one more sign will become overwhelming and cluttered. Pat suggested that consolidation of some signs might be a possibility. Members of CAB are to help Roger with a count and condition of the current signs on roads leading into Marilla.
- PACE portfolios – still in progress as mentioned above.

- CAB meeting night – Discussion ensued regarding possibly changing date and time from first Tuesday of every month. Roger informed CAB that some members joined CAB because of the original meeting night and CAB needed the town offices open for access to various people and offices, etc., during our meeting.
Roger moved and Dave seconded to vote on keeping the meeting night the same.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Discussion ensued regarding possibly changing the time from its present 6:30 pm.

Roger moved and Dave seconded to vote on changing the time from 6:30 pm to 6:45 pm.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

5. New Business

- Pat moved and Jay seconded to officially vote Roger as Chairperson of CAB.
AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried
- Open burning law – CAB will compose a letter to the State Dept. of Environmental Control, Division of Air Resources to express our concern and disagreement with the proposed ban on open burning. Discussion ensued and suggestions were made for inclusion in the letter. Pat will create the draft letter. It will be sent to Roger first for approval/changes and then to the members-at-large and then to Fred to bring to the town board. Upon town board approval the letter will be mailed to the DEC.
- CAB reviewed an Agricultural Operations listing. Members would like to telephone farmers to talk about PACE/PDR. Roger will work on this listing further.

6. Adjournment

Roger asked for a motion to adjourn: Pat moved and Dave Coder seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm.

AYES: 6 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk