

**TOWN OF MARILLA
CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

DATE: September 4, 2007

1. Call to Order

Roger Gustavel called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm

Members Present: Roger Gustavel, Joe Lankes; David Coder; Warren Cullen Sr.

Town Council Rep Present: Fred Specht

Town Consultant: Jason Engel

2. Approval of Minutes

David Coder moved and Joe Lankes seconded the approval of minutes from the CAB meeting held on August 7, 2007.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

3. Updates from Fred Specht

Regarding PACE, Fred informed CAB that the Town Board is NOT interested in PACE applications that involve multiple parcels. The Town cannot afford it.

Regarding CAB letter dated July 5th to Town Board regarding CAB “walk-through the Town Park”, Fred read a letter of response from Town Highway Superintendent.

Regarding Jason Engel, Fred informed CAB that the Town has depleted all left in its budget to pay for further services. Jason can negotiate and submit a new budget proposal to the Town Board to vote on for future services.

Fred inquired as to the completion date of the Foss PACE acquisition and Jason stated that it should be completed by the end of September. Jason informed CAB that Connie Minor is putting the grant together for the most recent PACE applicant and the State’s decision should be made in October or November.

Fred excused himself from the meeting.

4. Unfinished Business

Roger informed CAB that he planned to talk to the Town Board that night in regards to our decision for Phase I of the Town Park Master Plan. Specifically, a 2,300-foot long walking/fitness path along the perimeter of the “Meadow” section of the park. In addition, Roger will also request permission from the Town Board to participate in the town’s Ag Day. CAB would also like to request money to advertise the PACE program to our citizens at this town event using posters, handouts, copies of pertinent and informative paperwork, etc. CAB would also need a table under a pop-up tent.

For this year’s Ag Day (only two weeks away at this point) David Coder volunteered to contact John Whitney at the USDA to create a poster showing properties that are currently involved in one of the stages of the PACE program. Roger volunteered to contact Pat Szarpa from the

Western New York Land Conservancy to ask if their organization would be interested in joining CAB in this year's Ag Day and to bring any handouts that our citizens would find informative. Dave Coder also suggested that he had access to a tent and table if these were needed at the last minute.

5. New Business

Members discussed the possibility of presenting the Town Board with an annual budget for CAB to account for money for Jason Engle's services, marketing of PACE and other conservation measures, and any other expense incurred while performing their duties.

Members discussed asking the Town Board how much money is budgeted annually for PACE. Knowing this information would be helpful to CAB because that affects which landowner's property would fall within that budgeted amount.

Members discussed continuing with the rating system Jason developed for the PACE program.

6. Adjournment

At 8:40pm Roger Gustavel moved and Warren Cullen seconded to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: 4 NAYES: 0 MOTION: Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Blarr
CAB Clerk