

# TOW Conservation Commission

## Meeting Notes

**Meeting of 03/14/05**

### **Begin**

7:35 pm

### **Attending**

- Salvatore LaBruna
- Claude Braithwaite – Not attending
- Patricia Owen
- Jon Paul Heurich – Not attending
- Kevin Sumner – Not attending
- Mike Leary
- Kate Fox

### **Review of Previous Meeting Notes**

- Minutes were handed out and read individually. Nominated for approval by Sal. Seconded by Mike.

### **Official Business**

- Wetlands protection law
  - Reviewed Sal's version.
    - Basically the Town of New Paltz law with some sections replaced by sections (primarily *Section II. Findings*) from the Town of xPutnam.
  - Emphasized importance of the inspector.
  - Discussed importance of Jill Knapp's research to say that other local wetland's laws work and are legally valid.
- Annual Report
  - Reviewed first draft of the Annual Report.
- Official documents
  - Mike gave Sal a CD copy of all official documentation currently stored on Mike's PC.
  - Mike will make this a bi-monthly event to ensure that all pertinent information is backed up.
- Building moratorium
  - The moratorium has been extended for an additional 4 months.
- Landscape architect
  - Recommended twice to the planning board that we have one to look at large commercial projects.
  - Not permanent staff. Consultant as needed. Paid for by developers.

- Good example of need is the Tetz project where there was not a proper buffer created on the edge of the cemetery.
- Stormwater law
  - Why no action yet?
  - Pace is assisting. The town should take advantage of the help.
  - Have sent a letter to the Town Board recommending action already.
  - Will send another one and call with a follow-up if necessary.
- Hazardous waste sites
  - Revere Smelting and Refining is of particular concern.
  - Harry Ross of Orange Environment will be invited to speak at a future meeting.

## **Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn by Mike. Seconded by Pat. 8:50.

Copies:

- Mike – 7 copies of 3 page meeting notes
- Sal – 7 copies of 31 page agenda and other documents.