

TOW Conservation Commission

Meeting Notes

Meeting of 09/27/04

Begin

7:45 pm

Attending

- Nina Guenste
- Salvatore LaBruna
- Claude Braithwaite
- Patricia Owen
- Jon Paul Heurich
- Mike Leary

Review of Previous Meeting Notes

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

Official Business

- Nina announced that Kevin Sumner has been appointed as the 7th commission member by the town board. He will join the commission as soon as he is sworn in.
- A full copy of the Golden Triangle DEIS report was made available to the commission (all we previously had was a summary).
- What is the possibility of the town hiring a consultant to evaluate the DEIS? The consensus of those who are most familiar with the town government (Nina, Sal and Pat) is that it will not happen. It will cost the town too much money. The town should have a planner to review documents such as this, but doesn't. It has an engineer, but reviewing the DEIS is not part of his responsibilities.
- Review maps the Golden Triangle area and discuss the DEIS in relation to its implication for the town and its local environment. Stream? Traffic? Runoff? Sewer? Water? We decide the DEIS is too large for single individuals to thoroughly review in the town available to us. Therefore, individual are assigned areas of concentration to review prior to the next meeting.
- Concentration areas
 - Geology soils and topography - Mike
 - Water resources - Sal
 - Air recourses - Mike
 - Terrestrial and aquatic ecology - Nina
 - Cultural - Pat
 - Traffic and Transportation - Claude

- Land use and zoning - Jon
- Community services - Nina
- Socio-economic -
- Demographic -
- Can we have a public meeting? Collect opinions from other citizens. Enlist their help to mitigate some of our weaknesses in horsepower and expertise. Unresolved. Nina and Sal will check to see if is within our jurisdiction to initiate a public meeting.
- Does the moratorium affect this project? Several different opinions, but no one claims to definitively know the answer. Nina will check with members of the town government to get a definitive answer.
- The master plan review committee would like our participation in the master plan. Meeting on the 1st and 3rd ??? at 7:30. Can we have a joint meeting to just get to know each other and understand each other? Nina will check.
- Planning board meeting. We all should go to at least one meeting to understand what goes on. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30.
- Zoning board meets on same day as our first meeting of the month.

Adjourned

9:15