

# **TOW Conservation Commission**

## **Meeting Notes**

**Meeting of 10/10/05**

### **Begin**

7:35 pm

### **Attending**

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

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

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

### **Official Business**

#### **Reviewed Globe Contracting report**

- Reviewed Sal's report.
- Still in rough draft form.
- General consensus for approval to release.

#### **PDR Update**

- The town board has given us the go ahead to send out the interest letter and the application form.
- The town board set the minimum farm size limit for letter recipients at 40 acres.
  - However, we will provide a means for others with farms of lesser acreage to fill out the forms on the website.
  - The 40 acres must be in contiguous lots.
  - Land owners can combine lots and/or even exclude some parts of the property.
- Sal has created the mailing list. Kevin will get the letters and forms printed. Kate will stuff envelopes and mail them.
- There will also be a notice placed in the Wallkill Valley Times.
- We would like to get the letter out by the end of the week. We would like to have on the website by then also.
- Deadline for filing will be Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - The town board did not want to leave it open ended.

- Will the supervisor sign the letter?
  - It would make it appear more official.
  - Sal will check with Mr. Ward.
  - We (Sal) should also sign the letter.

### **Members up for renewal at the end of the year**

- Mike, Claude and Jon-Paul.
- Mike volunteered to remain if the town requests.

### **Future meetings**

- Only one meeting in December.
- Mr. Lippert will be coming to a future meeting.

### **Orchid Farm project reviewed at previous meetings**

- The FEIS has been approved.

### **Canopy law / tree preservation**

- Jeff Hutchinson of Palisades Interstate Park (PIP) is a good contact to get some initial information.
  - We will contact and ask him to come to a future meeting.
  - Will try to schedule Jeff for the same night that Karen Strong of the DEC is coming to a meeting.
- Mike will conduct research to get this project started.

### **Status of Dan Depew's Shawagunk protection law**

- Appears to be in limbo.
- Dan appears to have switched his priorities to the PDR.
- Wasn't there a scheduled public hearing at one time?
  - We believe that there was, but no one knew the results.
  - Sal will ask Dan about the public hearing and the status of the law.

### **Future Projects**

- Tree cover – Mike will investigate / spearhead.
- Sidewalks – Sal will investigate / spearhead.

### **Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn by Kevin. Seconded by Mike. 8:15.

### **Copies:**

- Mike – 7 copies of 2 page meeting notes and 1 page Globe Contracting site.
- Sal – 18 sheets (6 copies of 3 pages of Agenda notes).
- Sal also made several copies of documents for town officials, but didn't have an exact count at this time.