

TOW Conservation Commission

Meeting Notes

Meeting of 10/11/04

Begin

7:45 pm

Attending

- Nina Guenste
- Salvatore LaBruna
- Claude Braithwaite – Not attending
- Patricia Owen – Not attending
- Jon Paul Heurich
- Mike Leary

Review of Previous Meeting Notes

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

Official Business

- Nina will resign from the commission because she has been appointed to the zoning board. An election for a new commission head will occur at the next meeting.
- No word on when Kevin Sumner will be sworn in.
- Golden Triangle
 - Nina passed out a copy of the e-mail from David Church concerning the Golden Triangle project.
 - Reviewed maps.
 - Jon. The only significant detrimental effect from the Golden Triangle project Phase 1 is traffic congestion.
 - General consensus: traffic is the big weakness of the Phase 1 proposal.
 - Questions that need answered to better understand the traffic impact:
 - Has the NY17 ramp change been approved?
 - Is the proposed ramp long enough to keep traffic from backing up on the highway?
 - Have the traffic patterns been analyzed by an independent traffic analyst?
 - Nina recommends asking for an FEIS (Final Environmental Impact Statement).
 - General consensus: From an environmental perspective, this project is extremely difficult to assess because the DEIS only addresses Phase 1

whereas the major impact to the environment will come from the Phase 2 construction. From a traffic impact perspective, it is also difficult to evaluate Phase 1 independently because of the major restructuring of the roads and traffic flow that will occur in Phase 2.

- Sal will draft a letter to the town expressing our concerns and requesting a delay on approval of any aspect of the project until the state has approved the highway change and a FEIS has been completed.
- All members of the commission invited to the storm water management meeting this Wednesday at 7:30.

Adjourned

9:00