

# **TOW Conservation Commission**

## **Meeting Notes**

**Meeting of 10/16/06**

### **Begin**

7:35 pm

### **Attending**

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

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

- Meeting notes from the previous meetings was reviewed. Nominated for approval by Sal. Seconded by Kevin.

### **Official Business**

#### **PDR Applications for Henry Smith Farm and Valenga Farm**

- Attending: Henry Smith, Troy Valenga, Sandy Galus (assisting the families with their application)
- Sal and Kevin explain the application process.
- Sandy says that both farms must be on a single map if they are going to be submitted together.
  - She will assist in creating the map.
- They originally submitted the application to the town on July 1<sup>st</sup>, but it was lost in the town move until it just recently reappeared.
- We are waiting for state to release the request for applications (RFP).
  - We cannot submit any documentation and/or close the application process and/or rank the properties until the RFP is released.
- 25% matching funds.
  - They must be willing to match.
  - Can usually get some help with this from the county.
  - If they can't get help and can't manage the 25% by themselves then they can back out of the PDR.
- What is the process.
  - We make recommendation, but town board must pass a resolution.
  - Town board won't pass a resolution until the RFP is released.
- How does the state decide?
  - Primarily a combination of soil types, development pressure, infrastructure.

## **Proposed Zoning Changes from Town Board**

- RA1 and Enterprise Zone by the Smiley Farm (attach map to this week's notes).
- RA1, 5 acres zoning to promote as an agricultural usage area.
- Also Enterprise Zone going west. Bordering the Shawangunk Kill.
  - We will recommend that they pull back from the Kill.
  - But, not defined yet so we don't know what the setback will be.

## **Site Plans before the Planning Board**

### **Piller Power Systems**

- 45 Turner Road.
- Temporary test of generators for emergency management.
- 4 generators, COTS Caterpillar diesel, meets all EPA regulations.
- Not near any residential areas so not much concern over noise.
- Not really our area of expertise, but we don't see any problems with it.
- Do they have a DEC permit for the fuel storage tanks?

### **Future Projects**

- Tree cover – Mike will investigate / spearhead.
  - Initial research has been completed and presented.
  - This project will be rejoined once some other already in progress and/or higher priority projects are better under control.
- Sidewalks – Sal will investigate / spearhead.
- Reduction of pollutants in storm water runoffs
- Pace on-line course for land use. Everyone should complete.

### **Adjourned**

Motion to adjourn by Kate. Seconded by Pat. 9:00.

### **Copies:**

- Mike – 7 copies of a 2 page meeting notes.