



Town of Walkkill

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Commission for Conservation of the Environment

Kate Fox · Patricia Owen · Kevin Sumner · John King, Jr. · Stuart Thompson - Gary Sable

MEETING MINUTES: OCTOBER 27, 2008

Meeting convened at 7:10 pm.

Members Present: Kevin Sumner, Pat Owen, Stu Thompson, Gary Sable

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

Old Business:

- CCE Budget for 2009:
 - Kate Fox (who was unable to attend the meeting tonight) told Kevin she spoke with Nina Neighmond regarding our desire to have a budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Nina was in favor of the CCE having a budget for the upcoming year though the budget planning is still ongoing and didn't know what amount would be available. She also suggested that we might be able to get a computer for the CCE – especially if it was available to and provided beneficial programs for other Town staff. Kevin sent specs to Nina for a computer that would run the GIS software the CCE would like to obtain. Nina also recommended we utilize the town copy machine when we needed copies in the course of our work on the commission.
 - General discussion proceeded regarding our desire to be included in the budget process and that we should check the town board minutes for the proposed budget dates so that we could participate in the budget planning.

- Conservation Subdivision(CSD)/Orange County Land Trust:
 - Still waiting for the revised CSD law or comments on our proposed changes submitted to Behan.
 - Orange County Land Trust informed Kevin Sumner that they are going to include a request of \$2,000.00 in the grant proposal for the CCE for our joint work together as was discussed at our last meeting.

- Walkkill Stay Inn & Suites Site Plan Comments:
 - Discuss the letter prepared by Kevin regarding the CCE comments to the proposed project. The letter

complemented the applicant in their use of stormwater filtering practices. It also noted the close proximity to the mapped federal wetlands and recommended a wider buffer between the wetlands and the construction. We also recommended the applicant review the number of proposed parking spaces since the number provided well exceeded the number required.

New Business:

- Site Plans:
 - CCE had no comments on the site plans submitted.

- Priority of CCE Issues:
 - Brief discussion that we will need to prioritize the issues we currently have outstanding in order to be effective with the limited resources available to us.

Next Meeting Date: November 10, 2008 at 7 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM