

**Town of Washington
Conservation Advisory Commission
Meeting of December 5, 2007**

I. Call to Order

Chairman Greenwood called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Frank Genova
David Greenwood
Walt Jacob
Tim Marshall
Brad Roeller
Subcommittee member Howard Schuman
Dr. David Strayer (guest)

Before the meeting began Dr. Strayer, a member of the Town's master planning committee, briefed the CAC on his sub-committee's charge of incorporating natural resources and environmental concerns into the comprehensive plan. CAC members Genova and Weller also serve on this subcommittee. Dr. Strayer welcomes input from the CAC during this process.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 7, 2007 CAC meeting were approved as submitted. Chairman Greenwood and Secretary Roeller thanked Kay for taking minutes in Mr. Roeller's absence.

III. Correspondence

- Notice of a CCEDC meeting tonight to update the legislature on the status of the mile-a-minute vine's invasion into Dutchess County.
- Notice that CCEDC has introduced a list-serve to all CAC's and interested individuals.
- Minutes of the November 6, 2007 Planning Board.
- Notice of the 400th anniversary of the Hudson River celebration to be held on December 12th. Town supervisors, historians, CAC members, etc are invited. Chairman Greenwood and Supervisor Prisco plan on attending.

IV. Old Business

- Mr. Marshall updated the committee on a recent visit to the Dutchess County Soil and Water Conservation District to gain some insight into the recently proposed local legislation pertaining to stormwater management and erosion and sediment control. His meeting with Mr. Hoxie and staff prompted DCSWCD to write a letter to the Town of Washington Board expressing their concern with the proposed legislation (see 12/4/07 Cavanaugh letter). Apparently there is some disagreement over the

designation of the Town of Washington as a “Municipal Separate Storm Water System (MS4)” community. The CAC agreed to forward a copy of that letter and a short CAC cover letter to the Town Board. Chairman Greenwood agreed to do this.

V. New Business

- The January meeting of the CAC will not be on the first Wednesday due to conflicts with New Year activities. The January meeting will be on January 9, 2008.
- Membership vacancies in the CAC was discussed and it was agreed the subcommittee member Schuman would be recommended at the next Town Board meeting (December 6, 2007) for full membership into the CAC. Chairman Greenwood stated that he would personally make this recommendation at that meeting.
- Mr. Genova provided an update of the December 4, 2007 Planning Board meeting. He felt that only one of their agenda items is of concern to the CAC. Mr. Timothy Foxe’s application for a special permit to construct a 2-car garage with accessory residence if approved could impact adjacent “down-gradient” neighbor(s). Specifically, the construction of the proposed driveway prompted a request for CAC involvement in their review. The CAC is awaiting an invitation from the Planning Board to participate in a site visit to the property.
- Mr. Genova reported that he attended a recent CCEDC program, “Field Crops for Biomass” held on November 28, 2007 at the Farm & Home Center. Mr. Genova offered his thoughts to the CAC on the future of this industry in Dutchess County.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Bradley H. Roeller
Recording Secretary