

**Town of Washington  
Conservation Advisory Commission  
Meeting of January 9, 2007**

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Greenwood called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. with the following members present:

Frank Genova  
David Greenwood  
Walter Jacob  
Tim Marshall  
Brad Roeller  
Howard Schuman

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the November 8, 2006 were approved as written.

Note: There was no December, 2006 meeting.

Many CAC members attended the January 2, 2007 Planning Board meeting to provide first-hand information about the Bos-Haven site visit.

**III. Correspondence**

- Planning Board December minutes were received.
- Correspondence from Supervisor Prisco pertaining to the DEC-sponsored public hearings about the proposed amendments to the State water quality procedures and regulations which deal with standards for a series of chemical pollutants.
- Informational flyer from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County entitled “Protecting Land & Natural Resources through Conservation Easements” to be held at the Farm & Home Center on January 24, 2007 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- Informational flyer for a February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> invasive plant conference in Albany.

**IV. Old Business**

- Chairman Greenwood reported that he received positive comments on the 2007 Bank of Millbrook/CAC calendar “Rough Stonework a Specialty, Outstanding Local Monuments to the Stone Mason’s Craft”. The Ciferri family, along with Stanley Benham, Virginia Augerson, Ed Shaughnessy, and Patrick Wing were instrumental in providing many of the photographs appearing in the calendar. The 2007 calendar marks the 11<sup>th</sup> year of CAC participation in this endeavor. Next year’s calendar will have a Fire Department theme.
- The Planning Board requested that members of the CAC attend a site visit to Bos-Haven Farm on December 28, 2006 to comment on potential

environmental impacts associated with a subdivision application. (See Dec. 28, 2006 letter to the Town Planning Board concerning our visit.)

- The Planning Board noted that the Bancroft Farm subdivision application is in transition and not ready for CAC involvement.
- The proposed Paolo 6-lot subdivision on Rt. 82 in South Millbrook is before the Planning Board. Most of the concerns involved site engineering issues and the question of availability of water for future wells. Representatives of the CAC conducted a site visit with Planning Board members on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Board may request a CAC report as their review progresses. It should be noted that roughly 20 years prior, this 15-acre parcel received BOH approval for subdivision.
- Chairman Greenwood noted that several CAC members, Town officials and residents attended Joe Warner's farewell "Lunch Bunch" held at the IES auditorium on December 7, 2006. Joe will be sorely missed! There were some preliminary discussions concerning incorporating some of the Institute's archival materials into the Town's historic inventory.

## **V. New Business**

- Subcommittee member Schuman provided an update on the Town's mapping initiatives by displaying a variety of GIS-rendered maps. Mr. Schuman noted the ongoing CCE Dutchess County training program for citizens interested in having GIS-generated information on their home computers.
- Mr. Schuman also reported on the recent conference, sponsored by Chazen Companies concerning Russell Urban-Mead's work involving soils and bulk densities as they relate to standards for siting septic systems. The long-term goal of this work is to develop "best management guidelines" for municipalities and planners when reviewing subdivision applications. Mr. Schuman presented how these overlays worked using the Paolo proposed subdivision. In that particular soil profile, the current thinking is that this soil type could accommodate 1 septic system/3.3 acres of land.
- Chairman Greenwood noted that on January 23, 2007 there will be a presentation to the Town of Washington, given by DC Planner John Clark, on Greenway. Planning Board members requested this meeting and CAC members are encouraged to attend.
- Town Attorney John Gifford forwarded a letter from representatives of Marshall Fields who is proposing to create a 6-acre pond on the former Taconic Trap Club on Route 82 in Washington Hollow. He wants to remove (sell) the excavated gravel. This is currently not allowed under Town zoning. (See the Nov. 2, 2006 letter from Michael Zarin of Zarin & Steinmetz to John Gifford; and the January 2, 2007 letter from John Gifford to Florence Prisco.) CAC secretary Roeller was instructed to send Mr. Gifford a letter acknowledging the receipt of this correspondence.
- Mr. Schuman reported on a recent meeting he attended held by Trout Unlimited which focused on the decline of the indigenous brook trout in this area.

- Town resident Elizabeth Logan-Baravalle requested that CAC members think about important and relevant topics for future Millbrook Monitor-sponsored forums. This group is organizing a workshop intended to focus on impacts related to the construction of dams on waterways. She is hoping to invite representatives from the US Fish & Wildlife Service, DEC, and Trout Unlimited.

**VI. Adjournment**

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

Bradley H. Roeller  
Recording Secretary