

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

Note: there was no August CAC meeting due to scheduling conflicts with members.

I. Call to Order

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

Frank Genova
David Greenwood
Walt Jacob
Kay Johnson
Tim Marshall
Brad Roeller
Subcommittee member Howard Schuman

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 11, 2007 CAC meeting were approved as submitted.

III. Correspondence .

- Notice of a stormwater conference and trade show at Dutchess Manor to be held on October 17th. This conference is intended to update attendees on NYS laws and guidelines surrounding stormwater management with specific applications and relevance to local municipal law. With this spring's flooding and damage to towns such as Dover, coupled with the new State mandates requiring stormwater emergency management response, Chairman Greenwood noted that this should be a valuable conference to attend. Chairman Greenwood attended last year's conference and found it useful as well as an excellent networking forum.
- A press release from County Executive Steinhaus's office announcing the second County geothermal "greening" initiative. This initiative is planned for the County Emergency Response Center on Creek Road and follows the first geothermal initiative scheduled for the Eastern Dutchess Governmental Center (formerly the County Infirmary) in Millbrook. Mr. Genova noted that Trustee Murphy is attempting to get information from the County Executive's office about the plans for renovating the former infirmary. Mr. Genova feels optimistic that the plans will attempt to save some of the historic buildings and grounds (the cemetery) on the site.
- The 2008 town request for budget recommendations. Chairman Greenwood has recommended a continuation of the current level of funding for the CAC (\$1,800 in operating expenses and \$2,000 for continuing the historical inventory).
- A copy of the Planning Board's August 7, 2007 minutes.

IV. Old Business

- Mr. Genova briefed the committee on the September Planning Board meeting. He noted that they were reviewing 8 applications and that none were of special concern to the CAC, although the CAC had weighed-in on some of the ongoing applications. Of interest to the CAC: the gas station/convenience store in Mabbettsville has been granted a 1-year extension to a previously approved special permit that had lapsed due to fire damage on the building. The Paoli subdivision application on Route 82 in South Millbrook is still undergoing site plan review trying to resolve issues such as access for emergency vehicles.

V. New Business

- Chairman Greenwood and the committee spent the remainder of the meeting reviewing the proposed amendments to zoning in order to draft a response to the Town Board. The following was the consensus of members:
 - 1) The proposal to eliminate private cemeteries in the Town was supported by the CAC.
 - 2) Mr. Schuman recommended that the definition of “erosion” (page 5) in the stormwater management and erosion and sediment control amendment should be revised to include erosion from “gravity” (i.e. when grading exceeds the angle of repose of a particular soil). The CAC agreed with Mr. Schuman.
 - 3) The CAC recommends that the draft amendment for the illicit discharges into storm sewers be expanded to include a definition for “individual sewage treatment system” (page 3) as it is referred to elsewhere in the text of that amendment. On page 4 of the draft amendment the definition of “pollutant” should be revised to begin with “Including but not limited to...”. Also, further on the definition might be better served to expand the language pertaining to the impacts of pollutants to include the impacts associated with pollutants on the quality of water.
 - 4) The CAC had no comments on the proposed amendments to the subdivision regulations.
- Chairman Greenwood noted that we will table discussion on the flood plain administrator and issues surrounding stormwater management and plans, recently mandated by NYS, until next month when Mr. Weller reports. Supervisor Prisco had previously requested CAC comment.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Bradley H. Roeller
Recording Secretary

