

Rosendale Commission for Conservation of the Environment

Minutes June 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Naja Kraus, Chair.

**Present:** Naja Kraus, Chair; Kelli Havranek, Vice Chair; Susan Gillespie, Jessica Barry, Mike Brophy, Joe Liuni, Laura Heady, Joan Jordan. **Excused:** Chris Pryslopsi, Town Board liaison.

**Guest:** Supervisor Jean Walsh

**Review of Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the April and May minutes were reviewed and amended as necessary.

A motion was made by Naja to accept the April minutes as amended (clarification of CLP report by Susan); seconded by Susan. Roll Vote: Unanimous yes.

A motion was made by Naja to accept the May minutes as amended (Joe Liuni was present, Kelli Havranek was excused and some misspelled names); seconded by Susan. Roll Vote: Jessica, Mike, Laura, Susan, Joe and Chris voted "Yes"; Naja, Joan and Kelli "Abstained".

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resignation:** Naja made a motion to accept the resignation of Louis Mastro, with regret, from the Commission; seconded by Jess. Roll Vote: Unanimous yes.

**New RCCE Volunteer:** Naja presented an application for replacing Lou, Supervisor Walsh interjected that the Town Board would have to accept the resignation (the Board will meet on July 8<sup>th</sup>) and make an announcement for volunteers prior to a recommendation for appointment being made by the Commission. A short discussion followed; the current applicant could be invited to attend meetings if so desired before an appointment is made.

The meeting was temporarily recessed at 6:55 pm for a special presentation by George Profous, DEC forester, on the Emerald Ash Borer to which the public has been invited.

Approximately 7 residents, Supervisor Walsh, Highway Superintendent Gallagher and 8 members of the RCCE attended the presentation and the outdoor viewing to trees affected by the EAB.

The RCCE meeting resumed at 8:35 pm.

**Cell Tower Review:** Mike reported that the T-Mobile application for Cell Tower Special Use Permit is still in need of the structural report on the tower, particularly the concrete pad according to the planning consultants for the town. The Planning Board will meet and hold a public hearing on July 9<sup>th</sup>, we are invited to comment; a brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mike, that the Rosendale Commission for the Conservation of the Environment agrees with the recommendations and comments of the town engineer/planner and the Planning Board's concerns as related to the T-Mobile Cell Tower Special Use Permit application; seconded by Susan. Roll Vote: Unanimous yes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Inter-municipal Rondout Creek Outreach: Susan and Joe attended a meeting in the Town of Rochester at which protocols were set for stream sampling which creates a base line for the future which will be follow NYS DEC WAVE (Water Assessment by Volunteer Evaluators) procedures collecting invertebrates for study. Two (2) input sites and two (2) output sites are needed where we can walk without hassle or by boat to do visual assessment of pipes discharging into the creek and to check the health of the creek; this will be done in one (1) day; maps will be created. Liability insurance should be either through WAVE or Cornell; Supervisor Walsh stated the Town's position is that volunteers would be working for these agencies. Joe will present to the EMC and get maps (tax maps) for identifying properties. We will decide what segment of the creek we will do; Kelli related that marine biologists say test samples should be from moving water, mid-stream; she suggested one point could be Hardenburgh Park and Supervisor Walsh suggested the end of Snyder Avenue. Laura said she will do water shed maps and would be willing to invite Ben Gannon to our July meeting. Kelli said she will call a couple of experienced kayakers to see if they would be willing to conduct visuals and collect invertebrates, probably at the end of Snyder Ave.

Naja reminded members that Jen Metzger is scheduled to attend our July meeting pertaining to street lighting; Supervisor Walsh advised that the Town of Rosendale will be replacing all lights in Town Hall with LED through a program for municipalities with Central Hudson.

Mike reported June activity before the Planning Board included:

- Ed Aleo, Jr. request for site plan approval for the manufacture and sale of small arms on his property in Tillson; conditional approval upon the findings of police and fire department reports.
- Stewarts Ice Cream Shop modified the design of their application; they will install LED lights on the pumps and along walks; changing focus from ice cream to take-out.
- Emanuele Incorvaia request for minor subdivision of 20.1 acre property on Route 32; Lot #1 would be 17.04 acres, Lot #2 would be 3.06 acres; property involves some wetlands.
- Happy Trails Bike Rental to conduct a rental operation from a location on property owned by Larsen on River Road Extension.
- Robert & Susan Schwenk are requesting subdivision of their 11.325 acre property on Elting Road to provide Lot 2A with 10.279 acres and Lot 2B with 1.073 acres; access to the Lot 2B property would be from Mountain View Road.

Susan reported that REV (Reform the Energy Vision) was not fulfilled; CFA (Consolidated Funding Applications are due 7/31/2015; there will be a Solarize meeting on 7/1.

A motion was made by Susan; seconded by Jessica to adjourn at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Jordan