

Rosendale Commission for Conservation of the Environment
Draft Minutes August 20, 2015

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm by Kelli Havranek, Vice Chair.

Present: Kelli Havranek, Vice Chair; Mike Brophy; Susan Gillespie; Joe Liuni; Jessica Barry; Joan Jordan and new member Danyelle Davis.

Excused: Naja Kraus; Laura Heady and Chris Pryslopski, Town Board Liaison.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

A brief discussion on the July draft minutes; amendments were made.

A motion was made by Joe to accept the amended minutes; seconded by Mike. Roll Vote: Yes; Mike, Joe, Joan, Susan and Kelli. Jessica did not vote as she was absent from July meeting.

As a result of the discussion of the July minutes the following motion was made related to actions by the Town Board on matters that the RCCE had commented on or made recommendations on.

A motion was made by Susan requesting the Town Board inform the RCCE about pending actions on matters it (RCCE) has previously made comments/recommendations on, i.e.: chicken code, outdoor wood burning furnaces; seconded by Jessica. Roll Vote: Yes, Mike, Joe, Susan, Kelli, Joan. (Danyelle had not taken oath as yet, therefore ineligible to vote).

Welcome of New Member:

Kelli welcomed new member Danyelle Davis to the Commission; Kelli asked if she had taken oath with the Town Clerk; Danyelle responded “no”; Kelli advised her to appear and sign book before next meeting if possible to become official. Danyelle gave a brief overview of her interests and background before the meeting continued.

Old Business:

Inter-municipal Rondout Creek Outreach Event – Kelli informed the Commission that she had spoken with Supervisor Walsh as to who is custodian of the minutes of the “Water Shed Alliance” or whatever the title of the group is or will be called; there do not appear to be any minutes for the “Alliance” meetings and the Town of Rochester minutes are not transparent as to what they are doing. Supervisor Walsh informed Kelli that the Town Board should have passed a resolution to authorize the Commissions participation in an outside group/alliance; we are governed by a process. Kelli stated that she feels Naja and Laura had in mind to do only the WAVE portion of the outreach event. Further discussion lead to the adoption of the following resolution:

A motion was made by Kelli to notify Laura to send draft for outreach for Creek Week to Kelli and Jeanne Walsh, Rosendale Supervisor for review by September 1st prior to publication; seconded by Joe. Roll Vote: Yes votes by Mike, Joe, Jessica, Kelli and Joan. Susan abstained.

NRI & Map Framing:

Kelli reported that the frames have been ordered and all seems to be coming together; she suggested that perhaps out September meeting could be a workshop to mount the maps into the frames.

A motion was made by Susan to thank Chris for getting the RCCE through the purchase process of ordering the frames for the NRI & Map project; seconded by Joan. Roll Vote: All in favor.

Meeting Reports:

Planning Board: Mike reported on the August Planning Board activity as pre-applications by Michael North Engineers (Gallery Subdivision) for two buildings for accessory use, which would need special use permit; Ed Parker had a pre-application for 12 two (2) story single family dwellings with no subdivision or variance requested. A Public Hearing was held on the Schwenk/Keller subdivision; Mr. Dettori claims that the property access road would be on his property according to the Dellay survey; this may become a civil matter.

EMC: Joe reported that he did not attend the meeting and has no minutes.

Climate Smart: Susan reported that Marbletown has become a Climate Smart Community.

Solarize: Susan reported that Solarize is looking toward businesses; start thinking about who might be interested. There will be a presentation at Life Bridge on Saturday; Susan will send information to members. There will be a meeting on Monday, August 31st at the Tillson Fire House; Heidi Jewett says the fire department might be interested. Artic Adventures on Route 32 has a full solar array on their new building, check it out.

Citizens for Local Power: Susan reported that Citizens for Local Power (CLP) has submitted a proposal for Community Choice.

A motion was made by Joe to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Jordan