

Shelter Island Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
April 20, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Ed Bausman, Paulette Van Vranken, Mark Cappellino, Mary Shaw, Tullia Limarzi, Jay Card

Members Excused: John Reilly, Steven Python, Peder Larsen,
Town Liaison: Supervisor Dougherty

Others Present: Alfred Kilb, Jr. member Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board

Chairman Bausman opened the meeting at 7:35PM

The minutes from March 16, 2009, were approved.

Correspondence:

On March 20, 2009, a template was received from Laury Dowd regarding the management plans. Chairman Bausman read the e-mail letter to the CAC and stated that at this late time, he will continue to draft the management plans as he has been doing, and maybe at a later date, go back and add the requested information. He further stated that it would have been nice to have this information when they first began this project.

Old Business:

Management Plans

Chairman Bausman distributed the draft Management Plans for Parr and Pirrotti, both properties located on Crescent Beach, to be reviewed and discussed by the CAC for comment. He stated that the Town code, Section 36 regarding all Town Beaches, basically covers the entire gamut.

CAC reviewed and extensively discussed the printed data regarding bronze plaques distributed by Jay Card.

New Business:

Wetland Application:

O'Shea: Address: 5 Proposed Road

CAC reviewed and discussed this wetland application to remove existing in-ground pool and deck and build new in-ground pool with masonry deck closer to house and further from wetlands, within the regulated area.

The CAC noted that the proposed pool has been moved closer to the house, and agreed that the pool shed that houses the pool equipment should be moved out of the regulated area and moved closer to the house, relocate the spa out of the regulated area, the patio size should be decreased toward the water side, and they should contain all water runoff.

The CAC noted that the small proposed wall will possibly contain water runoff, but it currently does not meet the Town Code. The CAC recommends that the applicant's architect and engineer explain to the Town Board the pros versus the cons at the Public Hearing.

Management Plans:

The CAC reviewed the following main objectives for the Dorsey Management Plan: premises to be used as passive parkland to maintain and preserve the spirit of this property as an open meadow for water recharge. They also reviewed and discussed the following provisional plans:

1. To provide maintenance services, which include but are not limited to: a) Mowing twice per season no lower than 3 inches in height. If this is not done by the SI Town, the Dorsey family may do the mowing at their own expense, b) Litter/debris collection, c) removal of all invasives wherever present, EPA approved chemicals can be used to assist in the control of invasives, d) remove any diseased trees and dead wood so as to maintain an appropriate and safe environment.
2. To conduct a substantive review of the property every 3 years in order to insure the management plan is being followed. This will be done by the CAC and include photos for comparison with the original purchase property photos.
3. The Department of Public Works/Town Board will annually recommend to the CPFAB the amount of stewardship funds reasonably necessary to carry out these mandates. Copies of the management plan approved by the TB will be kept in the offices of the Superintendent of Highways/Commissioner of Public Works, Town Attorney, and Town Hall.

The CAC agreed that Chairman Bausman should forward this draft plan to the CPFAB for comment.

Chairman Bausman requested the deeds and any pertinent information for Brandenstein from Alfred Kilb, Jr., member of the CPFAB.

Proposed Energy Conservation Revisions:

CAC reviewed and discussed the letter dated March 10, 2009, to Supervisor Dougherty, from Mr. McDonald, Ms. Pospisil, and Ms. Surchin, three local architects. The CAC agreed to e-mail all comments to Chairman Bausman so that he can draft a recommendation to Supervisor Dougherty and the Town Board.

Chairman Bausman informed the CAC that the Peconic Estuary Program Natural Resource Sub Committee is holding a meeting on Thursday, April 23, 2009, between 3PM and 5PM at SI Town Hall, and indicated that all are welcome.

Education:

Ms. VanVranken reported that the Garden Club has blocked a space from May 11 through June 7th at the SI Library to display the photos of the invasive species that were taken by Chairman Bausman.

Pesticide Signs in Near Shore Overlay:

Ms. Van Vranken reported that once again she is seeing the little yellow pesticide warning notices displayed in the near shore overlay, although the Town Code clearly states that application of pesticides in the near shore overlay is prohibited.

ID Tags:

Ms. Van Vranken asked if there has been any progress toward acquiring SI Town identification tags. Mr. Card stated that the machine is functioning and that it may be in the possession of Garth Griffin. Chairman Bausman indicated that he would follow up on this long overdue request.

Channel 13:

Chairman Bausman reported that Channel 13 will be broadcasting a PBS Frontline program on drinking water and chemical compounds on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 9:00PM.

Old Business:

Discussion of Wetlands: Manmade vs. Natural Ponds

Due to time constraints, Chairman Bausman suggested these issues be tabled until the next meeting and requested that each member consider the meaning and indicators of a natural pond versus a manmade pond and be prepared to share their thoughts, in an effort to establish definitions at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15PM.

Next Meeting Date: **Monday, May 18, 2009** @ 7:30 PM Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle LiCausi

Clerk to the Committees
