

Shelter Island Conservation Advisory Council
Minutes of Monthly Meeting
May 18, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Ed Bausman, Paulette Van Vranken, Mark Cappellino, Mary Shaw, Tullia Limarzi, Steven Python, Peder Larsen

Members Excused: John Reilly, Jay Card, Town Liaison: Supervisor Dougherty

Others Present: Mr. Foster

Chairman Bausman opened the meeting at 7:30PM

The minutes from April 20, 2009, were approved.

Library Display:

Chairman Bausman thanked Member VanVranken for setting up the display at the SI Library.

New Business:

Wetland Application:

Foster: Address: 9C Bootlegger's Alley

CAC reviewed and discussed this wetland application to construct a 24'x24' one and one half story garage with pervious drive/parking area and install a cistern to collect water from the proposed garage, within the adjacent vegetated area.

Member Limarzi opined that the area is too narrow and she cannot support the application. Member Python opined that he finds it difficult to support this application. Member VanVranken opined that the area is just too narrow and the proposed garage does not meet the setbacks, so she finds it difficult to support this application. Member Larsen opined that while the proposed garage does not meet Town Code, this location has been approved by the DEC. He further confirmed that although the proposed garage is one story of inhabitable space, he finds it difficult to support adding yet another non-conforming structure to this parcel. Member Shaw expressed concerns regarding FEMA regulations and the cistern, and concluded that as the garage is substantially located in the vegetated buffer, and as she tries to remain consistent with her decision making, she cannot support this application. Member Cappellino stated that unless the code changes, he cannot support this application.

Chairman Bausman explained to Mr. Foster that the CAC is an advisory council to the Town Board, not a decision making council. He thanked Mr. Foster for attending this meeting and answering all questions posed by the CAC.

Member Shaw motion to recommend denial of this application as submitted as it does not meet the Town Code and would set a future precedent. Motion to deny is carried.

Law: Address: 19 Montclair Avenue

CAC reviewed and discussed this wetland application to construct an in-ground pool and patio partly within the adjacent vegetated area.

Member VanVranken opined that the pool could be made smaller to comply and moved 10 feet closer to the house. Chairman Bausman opined that Montclair Colony, as well as the Silver Beach area, has issues with water, and he wondered how they plan to top off the pool after it is initially filled.

Member Python motion to recommend moving the pool ten feet south toward the house. Member Larsen second the motion. This motion was not approved.

Member Cappellino motion to recommend moving the pool closer to the south, as close to the house as feasible per Town Code. Member VanVranken second this motion. This motion was approved.

Chairman Bausman noted that the proposed vegetative plantings are not the appropriate plants for this environment. He recommends that the proposed plantings be reconsidered.

Correspondence:

Letter to the Town received from Ian McDonald RE: Housing Efficiency

E-mail letter received from Robert Grosbard of 55 South Midway Road RE: Town Clearing of Town owned shoulder. Chairman Bausman reported that the Superintendent of Highways stated that this is Town owned property which was cleared of dead trees as a public safety issue. Chairman Bausman suggested recommending the Town Attorney respond to Mr. Grosbard and inform him that the Town owns a certain number of feet off the road.

Shell Beach:

Member Python reported that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the re-opening of Shell Beach today. The CAC reviewed and discussed the work that was performed at Shell Beach and agreed that it was a job well done.

Old Business:

Discussion of Wetlands: Manmade vs. Natural Ponds

Chairman Bausman suggested this issue be tabled until the next meeting, as Member Card did most of the research on this issue, and has been excused this evening.

Chairman Bausman 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.

Proposed Energy Conservation Revisions:

Member Limarzi noted that she distributed her written remarks regarding these issues that were discussed at the Town Board work session, which she attended. Chairman Bausman suggested the CAC read this on their own, and address any questions to Member Limarzi. He also thanked Member Limarzi for her efforts.

New Business:

Article on Land Clearing:

Member VanVranken shared an article regarding issues of land clearing.

Management Plans

Chairman Bausman distributed the draft Management Plan for Stearns Point Water Recharge Preserve to be reviewed and discussed by the CAC for comment. He noted that this property is all wooded and a wonderful water storage preserve. The CAC agreed that this property should be named Stearns Point Aquifer Recharge Preserve. The CAC agreed to table this one until next month.

Chairman Bausman distributed the draft Management Plan for Rasmussen Preserve, which is located opposite IGA. He noted that this property is mainly woods and another good water recharge preserve located in the center of Shelter Island. Member Python opined that naming the property Rasmussen Preserve honors Mrs. Rasmussen for her contribution, and the CAC agreed. Member Shaw motion to approve the Management Plan for Rasmussen Preserve as written, to be sent on to the Community Preservation Fund Advisory Board. Member Cappellino second the motion, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 PM.

Next Meeting Date: **Monday, June 15, 2009**@ 7:30 PM Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle LiCausi
Clerk to the Committees
